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A. SUMMARY.

1. FORMOSA--Location Hqs of Fortieth Army and 71st Div. Location 30th Ind Mixed Regt. Identification 560th Ind Inf Bn. (E.3.b.)
2. CHINA--Advance Hq of China Expeditionary Army closed. Planned reinforcement S CHINA. (B.8.g.)
3. CENTRAL and S CHINA--Location of Eleventh Army Hq. (B.8.g.)
4. SE ASIA--Planned movement of troops from E NEI--W NEW GUINEA to SE ASIA. (B. 9.g.)
5. MALAYA--12th Ind Car Unit dropped. (B. 9.g.)
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12. Review of Order of Battle in SUMATRA--MALAYA--ANDAMANS--NICOBARS. (Inclosure No. 4)

B. IDENTIFICATIONS, STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS.

1. GENERAL DEFENSE HQ.

a. Strength estimate: 1,155,000, increased from 1,025,000. Navy ground strength, estimated at 150,000, is included in the estimate for the first time.

b. No other changes.

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2. FIFTH AREA ARMY.

a. HOKKAIDO.

(1) Strength estimate: 114,000, increased from 104,000. Navy ground strength, estimated at 10,000, is included in the estimate for the first time.

(2) No other changes.

b. KARAFUTO.

(1) Strength estimate: 22,000, increased from 20,000. Navy ground strength, estimated at 2,000, is included for the first time.

(2) No other changes.

3. TENTH AREA ARMY.

a. RYUKYUS.

(1) General: The 396th and 397th Ind (J38732) Inf Bns have been identified as components of the 59th (J39552) and 60th Ind Mixed Brigs, respectively.

(2) Strength estimate: 138,000, increased from 130,000. Army ground strength is increased to 113,000 from 105,000 to reflect identification of additional artillery and suicide boat units (see Bulletin 56).

(3) No other changes.

b. FORMOSA

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: The presence of two unidentified brigades on FORMOSA and the PESCADORES (J41165) was reported in Bulletin 55. A new independent infantry battalion, the 560th, has been identified on FORMOSA but it is not known whether or not it is subordinate to either of those brigades.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) The Hq of the Fortieth Army (A527 542) (Bulletin 56) is located at TAINAN.

(b) The Hq of the 71st Div is being carried tentatively at TOROKU (18 m. NW of KAGI). (GOB 65)

(c) The 30th Ind Mixed Regt, previously carried unlocated, has been identified on FORMOSA, although its location on the island is not known. (J41165)

4. SEVENTEENTH AREA ARMY.

No changes.

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5. OGASAWARA FORCE.

No changes.

6. MANDATES.

No changes.

7. KWANTUNG ARMY.

No changes.

8. CHINA EXPEDITIONARY ARMY.

a. General:

(1) The advanced Hq of the China Ex- (GOB 66)  
peditionary Army at HANKOW has been closed. The main  
Hq of the Army remains at NANKING. ~~(SECRET)~~

(2) The Japanese planned to reinforce (J26272  
the S CHINA coast with approximately 30,000 troops J27057  
during February and March 1945. The troops were to be J34555B  
disposed as follows: J29603A  
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(a) 17,000 in the CANTON area.  
About 12,000 of these were scheduled for an un-  
identified unit designated "Nami/Ha Rai". Although  
the type of the unit is unknown, the number of  
troops involved suggests that it may be a brigaded  
type division. There is some evidence that the  
2nd Ind Mixed Brig, now carried in N CHINA, may  
have been converted into a brigaded division, and  
may be moving into the area, but pending receipt  
of further information the conversion and movement  
is not accepted by HHS. The other 5,000 troops  
scheduled for the CANTON area may belong to a unit  
of brigade size moving into the area or they may  
be reinforcements or replacements for units al-  
ready there.

(b) 6,000 in the SWATOW area. The  
troops were scheduled for an unidentified unit  
designated "Nami/Ha Cho". The possibility that these  
troops may be destined for the 19th Ind Mixed Brig  
(Hq SWATOW), whose code name is "Cho", together with  
slight indications of the presence of a division  
at SWATOW, suggest that the Brigade has been, or is  
scheduled to be, converted into a division.

(c) 5,000 in the HONGKONG area. The  
troops were scheduled for an unidentified unit des-  
ignated "Nami/Ha Ka", believed to be the Hongkong  
Defense Unit. The number of men involved suggests  
that the Unit, whose identified components are three  
independent infantry battalions and an artillery  
unit, is being expanded into a large brigade or a small  
brigaded division.

(d) Approximately 1,700 in the FOOCHOW  
area. These troops are believed to be routine re-



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placements.

The number of the above troops who arrived at their destinations is not known.

b. E CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The 55th Brig Hq and other elements of the 60th Div have been identified at WENCHOW. (J37925 38670B 38590 37037 43419)

c. CENTRAL AND S CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The Hq of the Eleventh Army has moved from HANKOW to LIUCHOW, the location of its advanced Hq since about the middle of December 1944. (A520)

9. SOUTHERN ARMY.

a. General: The Japanese are planning additional movement of troops from the E NEI--W NEW GUINEA area after the movement of three battalions of the 5th Div from the BANDA SEA area to MALAYA (Bulletins 46 and 49) has been completed. The plan involves the following: (J41652)

(1) Movement of three more battalions (about 4,000 men) of the 5th Div to THAILAND.

(2) A gradual transfer to SE ASIA of 17,000 other troops, leaving only enough forces to carry on guerrilla warfare in the E NEI--W NEW GUINEA.

b. BURMA.

(1) Strength estimate: 153,000, decreased from 164,000. Army ground strength was reduced to 137,000 from 145,000 and Army and Navy air ground to 10,000 from 13,000 to reflect reported casualties and attrition.

(2) No other changes.

c. MALAYA--ANDAMANS.

(1) General: Evidence now available confirms the previously reported possibility that the 12th Ind Gar Unit was absorbed in the formation of the 94th Div (see Bulletin 44). The 12th Ind Gar Unit is dropped from Order of Battle. (J39181)

(2) Strength estimate: 84,000, total

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strength unchanged. Army ground strength is reduced to 54,000 from 55,000 and Navy ground strength increased to 17,000 from 16,000 by reassessment.

(3) No other changes.

d. SUMATRA.

(1) Strength estimate: 76,000, reduced from 90,000. Army ground strength is reduced to 60,000 from 76,000 and Navy ground strength is increased to 5,000 from 3,000 as a result of a study and reassessment of strength of identified units in the area (see Inclosure 4 for details of the strength estimate).

(2) No other changes.

e. BORNEO.

(1) Strength estimate: 57,000, increased from 34,000. Army ground strength is increased to 23,000 from 20,000 (see par (3) below).

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The (J43431 scheduling in September of the 25th Ind Mixed Regt for TX 535) BORNEO was reported in Bulletin 53. Evidence now available discloses that the Regiment arrived in the area prior to February 1945 and it is being picked up unlocated in N BORNEO.

f. LUZON.

(1) Strength estimate: 77,000, reduced from 85,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 66,000 from 72,000 and Army and Navy air ground strength to 8,000 from 10,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: There are some indications that elements of the Fourteenth Area Army Hq have moved to BAYOMBONG (35 m. ENE of BAGUIO).

g. CENTRAL AND S PHILIPPINES.

(1) Strength estimate: 64,000, reduced from 68,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 35,000 from 37,000 and Army and Navy air ground to 21,000 from 23,000 to reflect reported casualties and attrition.

(2) No other changes.

10. EIGHTH AREA ARMY.

No changes.

11. NEW UNITS--GENERAL.

The 152nd Div, which has apparently just been (J43234)



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activated, has been identified and added to Order of Battle. The identification of this Division increased the number of identified active infantry divisions to 95. The location of the Division is not known but there is some indication that it is on FORMOSA. Pending receipt of further information it will be carried unlocated as a triangular division.

C. SPECIAL ARTICLES.

1. JAPANESE ARMY AIRBORNE UNITS.

a. While the exact functions of Japanese Army raiding ("Teishin") units are not clearly known, they appear to be the nearest equivalent to U.S. airborne forces, since the Japanese have applied the term to units known to contain paratroops and glider-borne troops and known to be equipped with transport planes and gliders. Both raiding and glider units appear to be under the command of the JAAF.

b. History.

(1) The first Japanese Army raiding units are believed to have been organized during 1941, when three tactical units were activated: The 1st Raiding Brig (Teishin Dan) and two subsidiary units, the 1st and 2nd Raiding Regts (Teishin Rentai). The Brigade was committed once, at PALEM-BANG in February 1942. It remained in SUMATRA until the middle of 1944, when it returned to JAPAN. Late in October 1944 it was noted near KARASEHARA (S KYUSHU), the Japanese Army raiding training center. On 26 Nov 44, the brigade was put under the control of the First Air Army (HQ TOKYO). So far as is known, the 1st Raiding Brig is still at KARASEHARA. The 1st Raiding Flying Unit (Teishin Hikotai), apparently a transport unit, remained in SUMATRA when the 1st Flying Brig returned to JAPAN in mid-1944 and since that time has been engaged in transport activities in the SUMATRA--MALAYA area.

(2) During 1943, the 3rd, 4th and 5th Raiding Regts and various smaller units (a Raiding Tank unit (Teishin Senshatai), a Raiding Signal unit (Teishin Tsushintai) and a Raiding Engineer unit (Teishin Koheitai)) were organized, probably at KARASEHARA. A captured document indicates that during the latter part of 1944 a substantial expansion of the raiding organization was contemplated, and some expansion has occurred:

(a) In October 1944 the 2nd Raiding Brig was formed in JAPAN and the 3rd and 4th Raiding Regts were brought to full strength and assigned to it. The brigade was sent to the PHILIPPINES, arriving by the end of November. Elements were committed in the 6 Dec 44 raid on LEYTE, in which about 450 men were dropped and lost.

(b) In November 1944 the 1st Raiding Group (Teishin Shudan) was activated and sent to the PHILIPPINES, arriving there in December. It is believed to be the highest echelon in the Japanese Army airborne organization, and includes the 2nd Raiding Brig and all other raiding and glider units in the PHILIPPINES.

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(c) Probably at the same time that the 1st Raiding Gp was organized, the 1st Raiding Flying Brig (Teishin Hikodan) was organized as a central command for various existing flying units, and was subordinated to the 1st Raiding Gp.

(d) On 18 Feb 45 all flying units listed in par c.(1)(a) as subsidiary to the 1st Raiding Gp were transferred to the order of battle of the Sixth Air Army (Hq TOKYO) and it is believed that they have returned to JAPAN. There are indications that the 2nd Raiding Brig was on LUZON on 19 March, and it is believed that the remaining elements (other than flying units) of the Group are still on LUZON.

(3) There have been only two known instances of Japanese Army airborne attacks: at PALEMBANG and LEYTE. Glider infantry troops have been contacted by U.S. forces on LUZON, but not as airborne troops.

(4) Captured documents and PW interrogations show that many of the personnel of the 5th Raiding Regt were assigned to the 2nd Glider Inf Regt when the latter was formed in November or December 1944. These transfers suggest that the 5th Raiding Regt was demobilized at that time.

c. Organization and Strength.

(1) Organization.

(a) A Japanese document dated 26 Nov 44 and captured on LUZON contains the following chart of the 1st Raiding Gp:

1st Raiding Flying Brig	2nd Raiding Brig	1st Glider Inf Regt
1st Raiding Flying Regt (Teishin Hikosentai)	3rd Raiding Regt	2nd Glider Inf Regt
2nd Raiding Flying Regt	4th Raiding Regt	1st Raiding Machine Cn Unit (Teishin Kikanhotai)
1st Glider Flying Regt		1st Raiding Engr Unit
1st Raiding Flying Brig Sig Unit (Teishin Hikodan Tsushintai)		1st Raiding Sig Unit

(b) It will be noted that the Group has three general types of components: raiding units, raiding flying units and glider units. It is believed that the raiding units are composed of paratroops intended to operate as ground troops once they have landed, whereas the raiding flying units furnish air transport for the

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raiding units. The same distinction in function probably applies between glider infantry units and glider flying units.

(c) When not engaged in transporting raiding units, the raiding flying units are apparently used as any other air transport unit. For example, the 1st and 2nd Raiding Flying Regts have been used as transport units within the Southern Area and between the Southern Area and JAPAN. Also, the 1st Glider Flying Regt has performed such transport duties.

(d) Raiding Brigades are believed to be composed of two raiding regiments, and, in the case of the 1st Raiding Brig. of smaller units as well. The captured document mentioned above (par c.(1)(a)) shows the following units subordinate to the 1st Raiding Brig:

- 1st Raiding Regt
- 2nd Raiding Regt
- 1st Raiding Tank Unit
- 1st Raiding Maintenance Unit (Taishin Seibitai)
- 101st Airfield Company (Hikojo Chutai)
- 102nd Airfield Company
- 103rd Airfield Company

(2) Strength.

(a) Total T/O strength of the ground units of the 1st Raiding Gp is estimated at approximately 3,200. T/O strength of a raiding brigade is tentatively estimated at 1,750, including 750 for each raiding regiment and 250 for headquarters. The strength of a glider infantry regiment is estimated at approximately 850 men.

(b) Each raiding flying regiment is believed to be equipped with about 35 transport planes.

(c) No estimate is included of the strength of any smaller unit (such as a raiding signal unit) because of insufficient evidence.

d. Possible Raiding Units in China.

Reports from CHINA have mentioned various raiding units, including the 2nd and 3rd Paratroop Divs and the 12th and 13th Raiding Regts, at various places in CENTRAL CHINA. Pending receipt of further information, the existence of those units is not accepted by MIS.

2. ARMED FORCES OF THAILAND.

Inclosure No. 5 is a study of the organization, estimated strength and disposition, and estimated capabilities of the Thai Army. The study includes a map showing the estimated dispositions of both the field army forces and the garrisons of the Army of the Interior. The latter is the recruitment, training and replacement organization of the Thai Army.

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D. NEW IDENTIFICATIONS AND LOCATIONS OF MINOR UNITS.

The following is the weekly list of minor units identified, located or dropped on an ULTRA level:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
6th, 7th Commando Units	BISMARCKS- BOUGAINVILLE Area	March 1945
31st, 36th, 37th Ind Fld AAA Cos	Demobilized	March 1945
39th, 47th, 50th, 60th Fld AAA Bns	Demobilized	March 1945
58th Fld AAA Bn	Dropped	February- March 1945
22nd, 27th Fld Machine Cn Cos	Demobilized	March 1945
3rd, 5th Fld SL Bns	Demobilized	March 1945
29th Ind Engr Regt	HARBIN Area (MANCHURIA)	March 1945
59th Ind Engr Bn	S CHINA ?	August 1944
1st, 2nd Ind Radio Cos	Demobilized	March 1945
91st Ind Wire Co	Demobilized	March 1945
108th - 110th Ind Wire Cos	BURMA ?	October 1944
102nd - 104th Ind Radio Plats	BURMA ?	October 1944
47th Sig Regt	RABAU Area	March 1945
2nd Sig Unit	BURMA ?	October 1944
15th Fixed Sig Unit	Demobilized	March 1945
15th Ry Regt	S CHINA	September 1944

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E. CODE NAMES AND NUMBERS.

The following is the weekly list of code names and numbers identified on an ULTRA level:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>	<u>CODE NUMBER</u>
3rd Gds Div	Nori/Han? (CTC 4636)	
59th Ind Mixed Brig	Heki (CTC 4310)	
396th Ind Inf Bn		12944
59th Ind Mixed Brig Arty Unit		12946?
59th Ind Mixed Brig Engr Unit		12947

F. SUPPLEMENTS.

1. Chart showing dispositions and strength of Japanese Army forces--Inclosure No. 1.
2. Map showing estimated strength and dispositions in the MANDATES--Inclosure No. 2.
3. Review of Order of Battle in HOKKAIDO - KURILES - KARAFUTO--Inclosure No. 3.
4. Review of Order of Battle in SUMATRA - MALAYA - ANDAMANS-NICOBARS--Inclosure No. 4.
5. Study of the armed forces of THAILAND--Inclosure No. 5.
6. List of minor units identified or located on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL--Inclosure No. 6.

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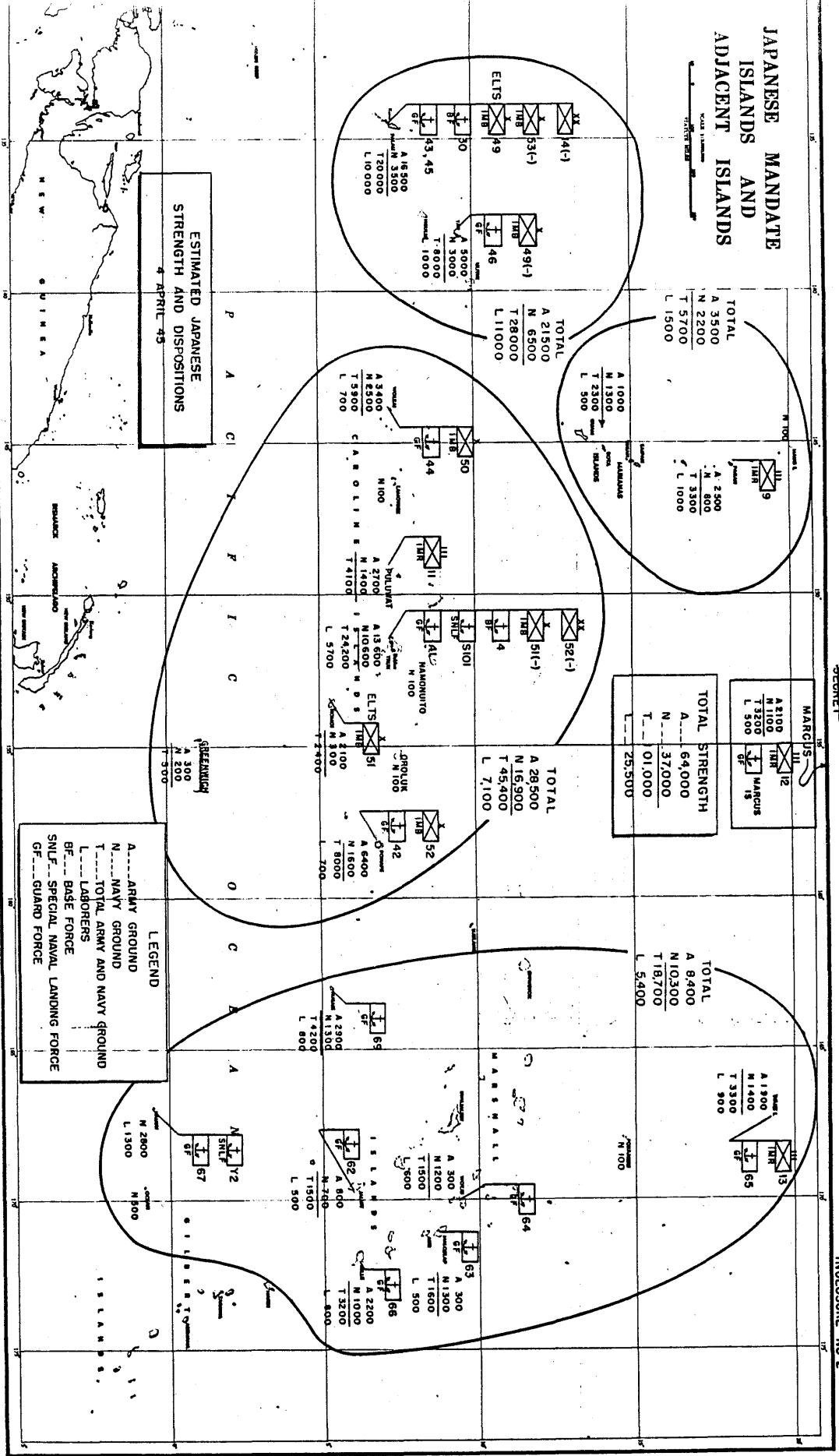
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HOKKAIDO - KURILES - KARAFUTO--  
ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW  
(See Map, Annex A)

1. General. Since the Allied invasion of the PHILIPPINES the Japanese have begun intensive preparations for the defense of their home islands. This has involved the organization of tactical armies to control the islands of HONSHU, SHIKOKU and KYUSHU. Similar preparations had already been made on HOKKAIDO and in the N area generally, presumably because of the Allied threat to that area from positions in the ALEUTIANS. Active organization of defenses and the reorganization of forces into operational units had been in progress since early in 1944. Since January 1944 the estimated strength in the HOKKAIDO--KURILES--KARAFUTO area has increased from 88,000 to 233,000. The build up of strength in the area is summarized in the following table:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>JAPANESE DEVELOPMENT</u>
1 January 1944	1st, 2nd, 3rd Kuriles Gar Units in KURILES; Northern District Army and 7th Div in HOKKAIDO; Karafuto Mixed Brig in KARAFUTO.
February 1944	7th Depot Div formed HOKKAIDO, 7th Div moved from depot.
February-March 1944	42nd Div to KURILES from JAPAN.
February-March 1944	Elements 7th Div to KURILES from HOKKAIDO.
March 1944	Fifth Area Army organized SAPPORO; believed to have replaced the Northern District Army. Hirosaki Divisional District put under Eastern District Army.
March 1944	11th Tank Regt to KURILES from MANCHURIA.
Early 1944	30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd Gar Comds organized KARAFUTO, ABASHIRI, NEMURO and N JAPAN, respectively.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>JAPANESE DEVELOPMENT</u>
April 1944	77th Div formed in HOKKAIDO from 7th Depot Div.
April 1944	Twenty-seventh Army assumed jurisdiction of KURILES, moved from HOKKAIDO to TENNEI, ETOROFU.
April-May 1944	3rd Amph Brig to KURILES from HOKKAIDO.
April-May 1944	4th Amph Brig to KURILES from HOKKAIDO.
April-May 1944	11th Expeditionary Unit to KURILES from MANCHURIA. Bulk reformed into Kuriles 1st Gp.
May 1944	43rd Ind Mixed Brig in KURILES.
May 1944	91st Div formed in KURILES from Kuriles 1st Gar Unit.
May 1944	8th Ind Mixed Regt in KURILES.
July 1944	69th Ind Mixed Brig organized from 8th Ind Mixed Regt.
July 1944	77th Div moved to SAPPORO, 7th Depot Div reconstituted.
October 1944	Elements 7th Div may have returned to HOKKAIDO.
January 1945	Twenty-seventh Army moved from KURILES; Fifth Area Army believed to have resumed direct control.

2. HOKKAIDO. In January 1944, the only identified major units on HOKKAIDO were the Northern District Army, primarily an administrative organization, and the 7th Div at ASAHIGAWA. Army ground strength was at that time estimated at not exceeding 50,000. In February, the 7th Div moved from the depot area and the 7th Depot Div was immediately formed there. Shortly afterward the Fifth Area Army, a tactical organization, replaced the Northern District Army and the Hirosaki Divisional District (N HONSHU) was transferred to the Eastern District Army. The new Area Army thus controlled only HOKKAIDO, the KURILES and KARAFUTO, and the defenses of the first two areas were rapidly developed. The 77th Div was formed from the 7th Depot Div in April and in July moved to SAPPORO. The 7th Depot Div was again reconstituted at ASAHIGAWA. These Divisions, together with the 7th Div (Hq OBIHIRO) continue to be the principal garrison on HOKKAIDO.

Two other major formations, the 31st Gar Comd (Hq ABASHIRI) and the 32nd Gar Comd (Hq believed at NEMURO),

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have been identified on HOKKAIDO. The 33rd Gar Comd has been located in N JAPAN and may be on HOKKAIDO. Although the function and organization of these units is not clear, they are usually commanded by a colonel or major general, and are believed to be of at least regimental size.

Estimated strength on HOKKAIDO is now 114,000, of which 95,000 is Army ground strength.

3. KARAFUTO. The Karafuto Mixed Brig, with the 25th and 125th Inf Regts its principal components, and the 30th Gar Comd, believed to have been formed early in 1944, are the only major units identified on KARAFUTO.

Estimated Japanese strength on the island has increased from 13,000 in January 1944 to a present figure of 22,000, including 2,000 Navy ground and 1,000 Air ground personnel. The increase is accounted for by identification of the 30th Gar Comd and minor units.

4. KURILES.

a. Strength in January 1944. In January 1944 Japanese Army ground strength in the KURILES is estimated to have been 25,000. All forces in the Islands were components of or controlled by the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Kuriles Gar Units. The 1st Kuriles Gar Unit (Hq PARAMUSHIRO), was the largest of the three, with an estimated strength of 15,000, and was organized somewhat like a triangular division. It controlled the islands of SHUMUSHU, PARAMUSHIRO and ONNEKOTAN. The 2nd Kuriles Gar Unit (Hq MATSUWA) controlled the CENTRAL KURILES, and the 3rd Kuriles Gar Unit (Hq ETOROFU) controlled the S KURILES. Both had an estimated strength of 5,000. No other major units are known to have been in the KURILES at this time.

b. Reinforcement February to June 1944.

(1) Heavy reinforcement of the KURILES took place between February and June 1944. Army ground strength is estimated to have reached 40,000 by the end of March and 70,000 by the end of May. The following changes were involved:

(a) Late in February the Hq of the 42nd Div moved from SENDAI (HONSHU) to URUPPU in the CENTRAL KURILES and the movement of the Division continued through March. The Division suffered substantial casualties as a result of Allied submarine attacks while it was en route. It is believed that the Division took over the command of the CENTRAL KURILES from the 2nd Kuriles Gar Unit and that the losses suffered by the Division were made up from the garrison force already in the area. The Division's infantry regiments were stationed, one each, on the islands of MATSUWA, SHIMUSHIRU and URUPPU with elements of the 158th Inf Regt on RASHOWA. The Division is believed to have been streamlined and the supporting elements split up among the three infantry regiments.

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(b) During February and March approximately one-third of the strength of the 7th Div (Hq OBIHIRO) moved into the KURILES. The main strength of the 26th Inf Regt of the Division plus some supporting elements were involved in the movement. Most of the force went to the N KURILES, where it served under the 1st Kuriles Car Unit and later under the 91st Div. Small elements were sent to the CENTRAL KURILES.

(c) The Twenty-seventh Army was organized in HOKKAIDO late in March and by the middle of April had moved to TENNEI, ETOROFU, and assumed control of the Japanese forces in the KURILES. It was directly subordinated to the Fifth Area Army (Hq SAPPORO).

(d) The 11th Tank Regt, formerly a component of the 2nd Armd Div, then in MANCHURIA, was sent to the KURILES in March. Two companies were sent to SHUMUSHU, one to PARAMUSHIRO, and other elements stationed on MATSUWA and URUPPU in the CENTRAL KURILES. It is believed that the elements in the CENTRAL KURILES have since been reorganized into the 5th and 6th Ind Tank Cos and that as presently organized the 11th Tank Regt includes only the forces on SHUMUSHU and PARAMUSHIRO.

(e) The 3rd and 4th Amph Brigs, formed on HOKKAIDO early in 1944, arrived in the KURILES in April or May. The 3rd Amph Brig was sent to ONNEKOTAN (two battalions) and SHASUKOTAN (one battalion). The 4th Amph Brig established Hq at TOSHIMOI on ETOROFU. These two Brigades have within their organizations large transport units and, accordingly, can move themselves readily from island to island. The Japanese plan to use them as mobile reserves for the general sectors in which they are located.

(f) The 43rd Ind Mixed Brig was at ETOROFU by May. It is not known when the Brig arrived in the KURILES and it is possible that it was formed there, perhaps in part from troops of the Kuriles Garrison Units.

(g) On 10 May the 91st Div was formally constituted, formed from the personnel of the 1st Kuriles Car Unit and some reinforcements sent from JAPAN, and assumed jurisdiction over the N KURILES. The Division was organized as a brigaded division with 12 independent infantry battalions.

(h) The 8th Ind Mixed Regt apparently was formed early in May, probably from personnel of the 3rd Kuriles Car Unit. It was stationed on the islands of SHIKOTAN and KUNASHIRI in the S KURILES and is believed to have assumed jurisdiction over that area.

(2) By the end of May the old garrison system had been completely supplanted. An Army commanded the chain of islands and on each of the major islands was located a standard, regularly organized Army ground unit.

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c. Reinforcement and Consolidation June 1944 to January 1945.

(1) Late in May the Japanese were arranging to send still another major formation, the 11th Expeditionary Unit, to the KURILES. This was composed of the Inf Gp Hq of the 57th Div and three independent garrison infantry battalions, all taken from units in MANCHURIA. By June the Hq and two of the battalions were in the N KURILES, on ONNEKOTAN. They were reorganized into a new formation, the Kuriles 1st Gp, which, under the command of the 91st Div, controls the islands of ONNEKOTAN and SHASUKOTAN. The third battalion was detached and sent to the S KURILES in July.

(2) In July 1944, the recently formed 8th Ind Mixed Regt was reorganized into the 69th Ind Mixed Brig. The Brigade had not been brought up to strength early in August, but personnel probably arrived during that month or early in September.

(3) The dispositions of the 3rd and 4th Amph Brigs were changed as follows:

(a) In July, elements of the 4th Amph Brig were dispatched from ETOROFU to MATSUWA.

(b) In August, the two battalions of the 3rd Amph Brig stationed on ONNEKOTAN were transferred to KAKUMABETSU, PARAMUSHIRO, where they have since remained.

Neither of these shifts, however, is believed to indicate any material change in the mission of the units to serve as mobile reserve forces for their respective areas.

(4) Some mobility for other combat units in the KURILES is provided by the presence there of a shipping engineer regiment and a debarkation unit, both of which are used in the local transportation of troops and supplies.

(5) In July the Twenty-seventh Army directed that defenses of the islands were to be strengthened rapidly by the end of August, and that with the beginning of the winter season regroupment and reinforcement would be temporarily suspended.

(6) Since August there have been no indications of any large scale movement of troops into or out of the KURILES. The elements of the 7th Div stationed in the N KURILES left that area in October. They are presently carried unlocated in the KURILES, although it is possible that they rejoined the Division on HOKKAIDO.

d. February--March 1945.

(1) In January, the Twenty-seventh Army left the KURILES. Its present location is unknown, but its departure presumably leaves the KURILES under the direct control of the Fifth Area Army at SAPPORO.

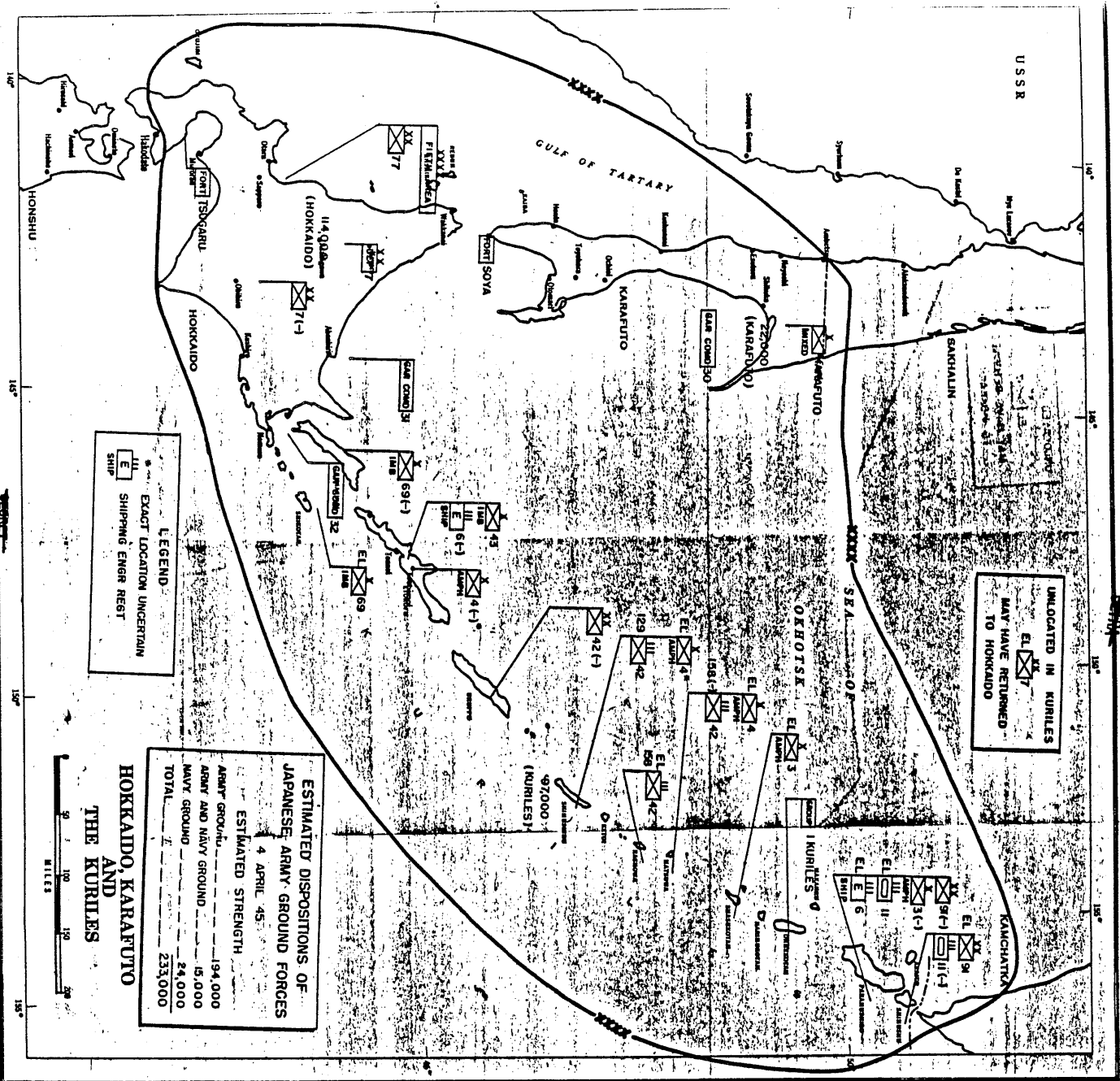
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(2) Recently, two organizations designated the Southern Kuriles Sector and Central Kuriles Sector have been identified. Their Hqs are apparently located on ETOROFU and URUPPU, respectively. Although their function is not known, their names and locations and their appearance almost simultaneously with the movement of the Twenty-seventh Army suggest that the KURILES may again be divided into three areas of control with the 91st Div controlling the N KURILES and these units the CENTRAL and S areas.

(3) Estimated strength in the KURILES is now 97,000, including 5,000 Army Air ground personnel and 12,000 Navy ground troops.

5. Present dispositions in the HOKKAIDO--KURILES--KARAFUTO area are shown on the map, Annex A, and details of the strength estimate by areas and a list of the identified ground units in the respective areas is set forth in Annex B.

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Annex B

HOKKAIDO--KURILES--KARAFUTO

1. Estimated Ground Strength

	<u>Est Army Ground</u>	<u>Est Army Air Ground</u>	<u>Est Navy Air Ground</u>	<u>Est Navy Ground</u>	<u>Est Total</u>
HOKKAIDO	<u>95,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>114,000</u>
KARAFUTO	<u>19,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>
KURILES					
SHUMUSHU	6,400	600	--	2,000	11,000
PARAMUSHIRO	21,000	2,000	--	4,000	27,000
ONNEKOTAN	6,000	--	--	--	6,000
KARUMUKOTAN	300	--	--	--	300
SHASUKOTAN	2,500	--	--	--	2,500
MATSUWA	6,200	300	--	2,500	9,000
RASHOWA	1,500	--	--	--	1,500
KETOI	200	--	--	--	200
SHIMUSHIRU	7,200	--	--	500	8,000
URUPPU	8,300	1,200	--	1,000	10,500
ETOROFU	12,100	900	--	2,000	15,000
KUNASHIRI-SHIKOTAN	<u>6,000</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total (Kuriles)	<u>80,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>		<u>12,000</u>	<u>97,000</u>

2. Identified Ground Units

KURILES: (A complete list of identified units in the KURILES based on information to 3 Feb 45 was published as Inclosure No. 4 to Bulletin 49. Changes in location and new identifications are given below.)

SHUMUSHU:

Naval Ground Units: 9th and 61st AA Def Units picked up. Strength 300 each.

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PARAMUSHIRO:

Army Ground Units: 3rd Amph Brig main strength at  
KAKUMABETSU, PARAMUSHIRO, formerly at  
ONNEKOTAN. 1st Bn still located  
SHASUKOTAN.

Naval Ground Units: 27th and 27th AA Def Units picked up.  
Strength 300 each.

ONNEKOTAN:

Army Ground Units: Main strength 3rd Amph Brig dropped  
from ONNEKOTAN. See PARAMUSHIRO.

N KURILES:

Army Ground Units: 13th Ind Antitank Co located in  
SHASUKOTAN-ONNEKOTAN area; one Plat on  
ETOROFU. New unit. Strength 110.

URUPPU:

Army Ground Units: 62nd Fld Machine Cn Co scheduled for  
URUPPU in August 1944. Previously  
carried unlocated Central Kuriles.  
Strength 125.

Army Air Ground  
Units: 60th Airfield Co located URUPPU.  
Strength 225.

ETOROFU:

Army Ground Units: One Plat 13th Ind Antitank Co located  
ETOROFU; remainder in SHASUKOTAN-  
ONNEKOTAN area. New unit. Strength  
40.

8 CENTRAL KURILES:

Army Ground Units: 57th Fld Machine Cn Co. Not previously  
carried. Strength 125.

KURILES UNLOCATED:

Army Ground Units: 14th and 17th Ind Antitank Cos scheduled  
for Kuriles August 1944. Strength 150  
each.

Navy Ground Units: 57th Guard Force (?). Strength 1,500.

KARAFUTO:

<u>Army Ground Units</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated T/O Strength</u>
Karafuto Mixed Brig	SHIKUKA	12,000
30th Gar Comd Hq	KARAFUTO	100

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<u>Army Ground Units</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated T/O Strength</u>
351st Sp Gar Bn	KARAFUTO	800
352nd Sp Gar Bn	KARAFUTO	800
353rd Sp Gar Bn	KARAFUTO	800
301st Sp Gar Co	KARAFUTO	150
304th Sp Gar Co	KARAFUTO	150
32nd Ind AA Def Bn	KARAFUTO	500
293rd Ind Motor Transport Co	KARAFUTO	175
294th Ind Motor Transport Co	KARAFUTO	175
Esutoru Met Observation Unit	ESUTORU	150
Karafuto Mil Hosp (2nd class)	KAMISHIKURA	200

Army Air Ground Units

17th Air Sector Comd	OCHIAI	110
1st Airfield Bn	OCHIAI	410
177th Airfield Bn	NAIRO	410
20th Air Intelligence Unit (part)	OCHIAI	100
11th Aviation Radio Unit	OCHIAI	50

HOKKAIDO:

Combat Units

Fifth Area Army	SAPPORO	500
7th Div	OBIIHIRO	24,480
77th Div	SAPPORO	21,750
7th Depot Div	ASAHIGAWA	20,000
31st Car Comd Hq	ABASHIRI	100
32nd Car Comd Hq	NEMURO	100
33rd Car Comd Hq	N JAPAN, HOKKAIDO?	100
Soya Fortress	SOYA	2,400
Tsugaru Fortress	TSUGARU	2,950
24th AAA Regt (less one Bn)	OBIIHIRO	750

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<u>Combat Units</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated T/O Strength</u>
141st AAA Regt	N JAPAN, HOKKAIDO?	1,100
25th Ind AAA Bn	HOKKAIDO	350
31st Ind AAA Bn	N JAPAN, HOKKAIDO?	350
32nd Ind AAA Co	HOKKAIDO	125
34th Ind AAA Co	HOKKAIDO	125
15th Ind MG Bn	HOKKAIDO?	600
1st Mortar Regt	NUMATA	1,850
Def Comd	MURORAN	150
Northern District Army Arty Unit	HOKKAIDO	200
<u>Service Units</u>		
Northern District Army AA Def Intelligence Unit	HOKKAIDO	100
Northern District Army Fixed Sig Unit	HOKKAIDO	300
5th Shipping Transport Comd	OTARU	175
27th Shipping Engr Regt	ABASHIRI?	1,200
3rd Shipping Gp Hq	ABASHIRI	100
6th Sea Transport Bn	NEMURO	850
1st Shipping Sig Bn	OTARU	400
4th Flt Shipping Depot	OTARU	1,000
5th Ry Transport Comd	HOKKAIDO?	75
153rd Sp Sea Duty Co	HOKKAIDO?	25
154th Sp Sea Duty Co	HOKKAIDO?	25
155th Sp Sea Duty Co	HOKKAIDO?	25
25th Sig Regt	HOKKAIDO	2,400
10th Sig Unit	HOKKAIDO	300
<u>Hospitals</u>		
Asahigawa Mil Hosp (2nd Class)	ASAHIGAWA	200
Hakodate Mil Hosp	HAODATE	300

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<u>Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated T/O Strength</u>
Nemuro Mil Hosp	NEMURO	300
Numata Mil Hosp (3rd Class)	NUMATA	40
Ochiai Mil Hosp	OCHIAI	300
Sapporo Mil Hosp (3rd Class)	SAPPORO	40
<u>Army Air Ground Units</u>		
27th Air Sector Comd	OBIHIRO	110
2nd Airfield Bn	NUMANOHATA	410
73rd Airfield Bn	KENESETSU	410
74th Airfield Bn	NEMURO	410
77th Airfield Bn	YAKUMO/KENESETSU	410
80th Airfield Bn (part)	KENESETSU	100
86rd Airfield Bn	OBIHIRO	410
95th Airfield Bn (part)	YAKUMO	310
173th Airfield Bn	HOKKAIDO	410
74th Airfield Co	MURORAN	225
12th Fld Airfield Cons Unit (part)	NUMANOHATA	200
6th Fld Air Supply Depot (part)	OBIHIRO	300
6th Fld Air Repair Depot	OBIHIRO/OCHIAI	560
119th Ind Maint Unit	SAPPORO	110
139th Ind Maint Unit	OBIHIRO	110
160th Ind Maint Unit	OBIHIRO	110
20th Air Intelligence Unit (part)	TSUKISAMU/OBIHIRO	450
10th Air Sig Regt (part)	OBIHIRO. Els at SAPPORO and TSUKISAMU	1,200
1st Fixed Air Sig Unit	OBIHIRO	700
20th Air Navigation Aid Unit (part)	SAPPORO	300
11th Fld Met Unit (part)	TSUKISAMU. Br at OBIHIRO	350

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MALAYA--SUMATRA--ANDAMANS-NICOBARS  
ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW

1. General.

The history of Japanese Order of Battle in MALAYA--SUMATRA--ANDAMANS-NICOBARS may be divided generally into three phases which are discussed in detail below. The first of these, extending from December 1941 to March 1942, was the period of active campaigning which resulted in the conquest of MALAYA, SINGAPORE and SUMATRA. The second phase, from the spring of 1942 to September 1943, while it included the occupation of the ANDAMANS and NICOBARS, was one of relative inactivity, since the obvious immunity of the area from any Allied threat permitted the Japanese to hold it with a minimum of garrison strength. Since the autumn of 1943, following Allied successes in the SW PACIFIC and activity in SE ASIA and INDIA commands, the Japanese have reorganized and reinforced the area. So far as the MALAY PENINSULA is concerned the reinforcement is still continuing. Present indications are, however, that the Japanese strength in SUMATRA is being somewhat reduced to reinforce THAILAND and FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

2. December 1941 to March 1942 (see map, Annex A)

a. On 8 Dec 41, the Guards, 5th and 18th Dive, all experienced from CHINA campaigns, began the invasion of MALAYA. Landings were made at SINGORA, PATANI and KHOTA BARU, while the Guards Div came down the PENINSULA from BANGKOK. Under the command of the Twenty-fifth Army, these divisions conquered MALAYA and captured SINGAPORE in 70 days, completing the campaign on 15 Feb 42. Preparations to withdraw two of the divisions must have begun at once, and by March the 18th Div was en route to BURMA and the Guards Div moved across the MALACCA STRAITS to SUMATRA, which had been occupied by the Japanese. In addition, the 41st Inf Regt (dropped from the 5th Div when it was triangularized) left for the PHILIPPINES in March 1942.

b. The invasion of SUMATRA began on 14 Feb 42 with the paratroop landings at PALEMBANG by the 1st Raiding Brig (TEISHIN DAN). The 229th and 230th Inf Regts of the 38th Div from HONGKONG, together with unidentified troops from MALAYA, completed the conquest by 15 March.

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g. The Twenty-fifth Army (HQ SINGAPORE) controlled the MALAY PENINSULA, SUMATRA and the ANDAMANS-NICOBARS until January 1944 when the Twenty-ninth Army (HQ TAIPING) was activated.

3. March 1942 to September 1943 (see map, Annex A)

a. MALAYA.

As indicated above, the garrison strength of the MALAY PENINSULA was rapidly depleted after the completion of the SINGAPORE campaign. Late in the summer, the 5th Div was also withdrawn and at the end of 1942 the total strength is estimated to have been 40,000, including approximately 10,000 Naval ground troops. This estimate includes an allowance for the 12th and 18th Ind Gar Units (activated in September 1942), although the source of the troops utilized for their formation is not known.

b. SUMATRA.

Prior to the arrival of the Guards Div in March 1942, the 229th and 230th Inf Regts of the 38th Div participated in the successful conquest of SUMATRA. These regiments were soon transferred, however, to JAVA, where they were joined by the balance of the 38th Div and sent to RABAU in October 1942. From then until the arrival of the 4th Div from JAPAN in September 1943, the strength in SUMATRA is estimated to have been 30,000.

c. ANDAMANS-NICOBARS.

The precise date of the first Japanese landings in the ANDAMANS and NICOBARS is not known, nor is the identity of the troops involved. Occupation was probably completed by May 1942. By the end of the summer of 1943 the garrison strength is estimated to have been at least 10,000, including the 15th Tank Regt.

4. September 1943 to date.

a. General.

Developments in the SW Pacific Area up to the fall of 1943 and preparations being made in INDIA by the Allies seem to have caused the Japanese some concern over the MALAYA-SUMATRA area. Apparently believing that the best antidote to the threat would be the invasion of INDIA through BURMA they began preparations for such a drive. The 54th Div was transferred from JAVA to BURMA via SINGAPORE in September 1943. The 2nd Div was brought to SINGAPORE from MANILA in December, temporarily concentrated at KUALA LUMPUR and moved to BURMA, where it established Hq at RANGOON early in January 1944. After the failure of the invasion of INDIA, the Japanese strengthened the BURMA forces by bringing in the 49th Div from KOREA via MALAYA and THAILAND, in July, August and September 1944. Earlier in the summer two battalions of the 61st Inf Regt (4th Div) and one company of the 4th FA Regt had been sent from SUMATRA to BURMA.

Simultaneously with these movements through the area and after their completion, the Japanese reorganized and gradually strengthened the MALAYA--SUMATRA--ANDAMANS-NICOBARS area. These developments are set out below:

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b. MALAYA.

January 1944 The Twenty-ninth Army, with control over the MALAY PENINSULA and ANDAMANS-NICOBARS, was activated at TAIPING, and the Twenty-fifth Army moved to SUMATRA.

March 1944 Seventh Area Army was activated at SINGAPORE with control over the Sixteenth Army (JAVA), Twenty-fifth Army (SUMATRA), Twenty-ninth Army (MALAY PENINSULA--ANDAMANS-NICOBARS) and the Borneo Garrison Army (now the Thirty-seventh Army).

July 1944 The 257th, 261st and 265th Ind Inf Bns (scheduled for the 35th, 36th and 37th Ind Mixed Brigs in the ANDAMANS-NICOBARS) were diverted to the MALAY PENINSULA.

October 1944 The 94th Div (Hq CHUMPHON) was activated. It absorbed the 12th Ind Gar Unit and, since it is believed to have been formed almost entirely from troops already in the area, it is considered possible that the 18th Ind Gar Unit and the 257th, 261st and 265th Ind Inf Bns were also absorbed in its formation. It is believed that the Division, together with the 46th Div, will be used to defend the Central part of the MALAY PENINSULA.

February-March 1945 The 46th Div began a movement from the LESSER SUNDAS and the bulk of the Division is probably at present in JAVA en route to the MALAY PENINSULA where it is scheduled to aid in the defense of that area. Three battalions with a strength of about 4,000 men of the 5th Div (BANDA SEA area) were also ordered to move to the MALAY PENINSULA but the movement has not yet progressed beyond the assembly stage.

c. SUMATRA.

September 1943 The 4th Div arrived from JAPAN.

November 1943 The 25th Ind Mixed Brig (Hq SIBOLGA) was activated from the 15th Gar Unit which had arrived in SUMATRA earlier.

November 1943 The 26th Ind Mixed Brig (Hq LAHAT) was activated from the 16th Ind Gar Unit which had arrived in SUMATRA earlier.

January 1944 The Twenty-fifth Army Hq was transferred from SINGAPORE to FORT DE KOCK.

July 1944 The 1st Raiding Brig was withdrawn to JAPAN.

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January 1945

Bulk of 4th Div ordered to leave SUMATRA for BANGKOK, with the reconnaissance regiment and some service troops ultimately destined for the PNOM PENH--SAIGON area. The 37th Inf Regt and one artillery battalion are scheduled to remain in SUMATRA. The two battalions of the 61st Inf Regt plus one battalion of the 4th FA Regt in BURMA were scheduled to move to THAILAND, but were identified in BURMA as late as March 1945.

d. ANDAMANS-NICOBARS

January-March  
1944

The following units were activated:

(1) The 35th Ind Mixed Brig (Hq PORT BLAIR) was activated in the ANDAMANS from garrison units, two battalions of the 32nd Div from CHINA, and elements of the 5th Guards Regt (2nd Guards Div) from SUMATRA.

(2) The 36th Ind Mixed Brig (Hq CAR NICOBAR) was organized in the NICOBARS from garrison units, elements of the 8th Inf Regt (4th Div) from SUMATRA and other units. The 2nd Div Inf Hq became the Hq of the 36th Ind Mixed Brig.

(3) The 37th Ind Mixed Brig (Hq NANCOWRY) was organized in the NICOBARS from garrison units, a battalion of the 32nd Div from CHINA and elements of the 37th Inf Regt (4th Div) from SUMATRA. On 22 Feb the 15th Div Inf Gp Hq became the Hq of the 37th Ind Mixed Brig.

Organization of the Brigades started in January 1944 and was completed by 10 May. About 25 May the 267th, 261st and 265th Ind Inf Bns (from MANCHURIA) left FUSAN destined for the 35th, 36th and 37th Ind Mixed Brigs, respectively. Artillery, engineer and signal units for each of the Brigades accompanied the Battalions. The troops arrived at SINGAPORE on 6 July but the three Battalions moved to Central MALAY PENINSULA where they remained under the Twenty-ninth Army. It is possible that they were absorbed in the formation of the 94th Div. The artillery, engineer and signal units joined the Independent Mixed Brigades in August.

5. The estimated present dispositions of Japanese Army ground forces are shown on the map, Annex B. Present dispositions in MALAYA itself are not believed to include any strong body of troops between PENANG ISLAND and SINGAPORE, but the Japanese

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have ordered three battalions of the 5th Div to move from the BANDA SEA area to Southern MALAYA. There are indications that the Japanese are planning to ultimately move as many as 21,000 additional troops from the BANDA SEA area to SE ASIA although it is considered unlikely that they will be able to move this number of troops. There are no indications of any intention to replace in SUMATRA the bulk of the 4th Div now in transit to THAILAND and FRENCH INDO-CHINA. The ANDAMANS and NICOBARS, once of value to the Japanese as potential advance bases for a seaborne invasion of INDIA, are now of very little strategic use to them and their reinforcement is considered unlikely. The present strength estimate for the MALAY PENINSULA is 61,000; for SUMATRA, 76,000; and for the ANDAMANS-NICOBARS 23,000. The details of the estimates and a list of all identified ground units in the respective areas are set forth in Annex C.

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**MALAYA-SUMATRA  
AREA**

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ANNEX C

ESTIMATED STRENGTHS

	Est Army Ground	Est Air Ground	Est Navy Air Ground	Est Navy Ground	Total
<u>MALAY PENINSULA</u>					
CENTRAL MALAYA	24,000	1,700	300	3,000	29,000
S MALAYA	<u>14,000</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>
Total	<u>38,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>61,000</u>
<u>ANDAMANS-NICOBARS</u>	18,000	1,000	--	6,000	23,000
<u>SUMATRA</u>					
SE SUMATRA	12,700	8,300	--	1,000	22,000
CENTRAL SUMATRA	9,300	700	--	1,000	11,000
NW SUMATRA	<u>38,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>43,000</u>
Total	<u>60,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>76,000</u>

IDENTIFIED JAPANESE GROUND UNITS

	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
<u>CENTRAL MALAYA</u>		
<u>Army Ground Units</u>		
94th Div	CHUMPHON	18,000
18th Ind Gar Unit	CHUMPHON	--
257th Ind Inf Bn	ALOR STAR ?	926
261st and 265th Ind Inf Bns	TANJONG-MALIN area ?	1,760
5th Ind Antitank Gun Co ?	PATANI	135
27th Bridge building Mat Co ?	PATANI	380
Prai Br, Southern Army Fld Freight Depot	PRAI	90
Burma Br, 3rd Shipping Trans- port Comd	KHACFAGI	45
Chumphon Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	CHUMPHON	45
Khacfagi Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	KHACFAGI	45
Prai Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	PRAI	45
15th Shipping Engr Regt	KHACFAGI ?	1,080

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CENTRAL MALAYA (Cont'd)

Army Ground Units (Cont'd)

Khaofagi Sub-br, 2nd Fl'd Shipping Depot	KHAOFAGI ?	48
Chumphon Sub-br, Southern Army Fl'd Ry Comd	CHUMPHON	25
Singoro Sub-br, Southern Army Fl'd Ry Comd	SINGORO	25

Army Air Ground Units

17th Airfield Bn (Det)	ALOR STAR	100
23rd Airfield Bn (Det)	SUNGEI PATANI	100
85th Airfield Bn	SUNGEI PATANI	410
101st Airfield Bn	ALOR STAR	410
33rd Ground-Air Radio Unit	SUNGEI PATANI	200
16th Fl'd Air Repair Depot, 1st Br (Eis)	ALOR STAR	160
Branch Depot, 20th Fl'd Air Supply Depot	KHAOFAGI	40

Navy Ground Units

15th Base Force (Navy)	PENANG (Det HASTINGS)	1,500
9th Guard Force (Navy)	PENANG	1,500

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Army Ground Units

Seventh Area Army	SINGAPORE	480
Twenty-ninth Army	TAIPING	450
2nd Fl'd Repl Comd (Br) ?	SINGAPORE (HQ BANGKOK)	90
94th Field AAA Bn	SINGAPORE	540
Southern Army 3rd Sig Unit	SINGAPORE	90
1st Fixed Signal Unit	SINGAPORE	270
14th Fixed Signal Unit	SINGAPORE	270
11th Ind Radio Plat (Sta ?)?	SINGAPORE	25
Seventh Area Army Fl'd Motor Transport Depot	SINGAPORE	270
184th L/C Motor Transport Co ?	KALLANG	160
Southern Army 1st Hosp	SINGAPORE	270
Southern Army 3rd Hosp	SINGAPORE	270
Southern Army 8th Hosp	KUALA LUMPUR	270
123th L/C Hosp	SINGAPORE	315
135th L/C Hosp	KUALA LUMPUR	315
Southern Army Fl'd Ry Comd	SINGAPORE	430
Seventh Area Army Fl'd Freight Depot ?	SINGAPORE	270
Seventh Area Army Fl'd Ord Depot	SINGAPORE	375
23rd Fl'd Freight Depot	SINGAPORE	540
23rd Fl'd Ord Depot	SINGAPORE	540
Southern Army Fuel Depot	SINGAPORE	720
23rd Fl'd Motor Transport Depot	BUKITTINGI	380
Southern Army 3rd MP Unit	TAIPING	90
2nd Fl'd MP Unit	SINGAPORE	380
Malaya PW Camp ?	SINGAPORE	180
340th Fl'd Post Office ?	SINGAPORE	45

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
<u>S MALAYA (Cont'd)</u>		
Hq, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	SINGAPORE	90
Malay Br, 3rd Shipping Trans- port Comd	SINGAPORE	55
Port Swettenham Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	PORT SWETTENHAM	45
2nd Launching Unit ?	SINGAPORE	135
2nd Ind Shipping Eng Co ?	TAIPING	315
10th Shipping Engr Regt (less one company)	PORT SWETTENHAM	750
2nd Shipping Fixed Sig Unit	SINGAPORE	270
2nd Fld Shipping Ord Depot	SINGAPORE	160
58th L/C Sector Unit	SINGAPORE	1,575
<u>Army Air Ground Units</u>		
15th Air Sector Comd	KALLANG	110
27th Airfield Bn (Hq and Els) ?	SINGAPORE	410
127th Airfield Bn	SINGAPORE	410
16th Airfield Co	SINGAPORE	225
83rd Airfield Co ?	SINGAPORE	225
Kallang Airfield Hq	KALLANG	50
3rd Air Signal Comd	SINGAPORE	90
3rd Air Sig Regt (Els) ?	SINGAPORE	90
11th Air Sig Regt	SINGAPORE	600
3rd Air Fixed Sig Unit (Hq and Els)	SINGAPORE	400
3rd Air Sp Sig Unit (Scheduled)	SINGAPORE	75
3rd Air Sig Hq	SINGAPORE	50
3rd Mes Regt (Els)	SINGAPORE	570
13th Fld Air Repair Depot	SINGAPORE	400
16th Fld Air Repair Depot (Hq and Els)	SINGAPORE	400
20th Fld Air Supply Depot (Els)	SINGAPORE	60
<u>Navy Air Ground Units</u>		
13th Air Fleet (Hq)	SINGAPORE	200
28th Air Flotilla (Hq)	SELETAR	70
11th Air Gp	BATUPAHAT	755
351st Air Gp	SELETAR	810
102nd Air Base Unit	SELETAR	500
<u>Navy Ground Units</u>		
10th Base Force (Navy)	SINGAPORE (Deta KLANG, BRUNEL, LINGGA, and ANAMBOS)	1,500

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
<u>S MALAYA (Cont'd)</u>		
<u>Navy Ground Units (Cont'd)</u>		
101st Naval Establishment Dept	SINGAPORE	1,200
101st Naval Military Stores Dept	SINGAPORE	100
101st Naval Civil Engr Dept	SINGAPORE	300
101st Naval Cons and Repair Dept	SINGAPORE	100
101st Naval Office of Supplies and Accounts	SINGAPORE	100
101st Naval Hosp	SINGAPORE	100
Singapore Transportation Dept (Naval)	SINGAPORE	100
10th Communication Unit	SINGAPORE	200
 <u>ANDAMANS-NICOBARS</u>		
<u>Army Ground Units</u>		
35th Ind Mixed Brig	PORT BLAIR	5,025
36th Ind Mixed Brig	NICOBARS	2,975
37th Ind Mixed Brig	NANOWRY	2,975
1st Ind FA Bn ?	NICOBARS	475
21st Fld Ind AAA Co ?	ANDAMANS/ NICOBARS	155
15th Tank Regt	NICOBARS	585
224th Ind Motor Transport Co ?	ANDAMANS/ NICOBARS	160
61st Casualty Clearing Sta ?	ANDAMANS	110
130th L/C Hospital ?	ANDAMANS/ NICOBARS	315
10th Debarkation Unit (Els)	ANDAMANS/ NICOBARS	180
38th Anchorage, Sub-br	PORT BLAIR	25
Shipping Sig Regt (Els) ?	ANDAMANS/ NICOBARS	90
107th Land Duty Co	ANDAMANS/ NICOBARS	315
 <u>Army Air Ground Units</u>		
87th Airfield Bn (Els)	ANDAMANS/ NICOBARS	205
28th Airfield Co (Els)	ANDAMANS/ NICOBARS	100

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
<u>SE SUMATRA (Cont'd)</u>		
<u>Army Ground Units (Cont'd)</u>		
101st, 102nd Machine Cn Bns	PALEMBANG	730
Palembang Def Comd	PALEMBANG	135
1st Ind Engr Co (?)	PALEMBANG	160
235th Ind Motor Transport Co ?	LAHAT	160
9th Southern Army Hosp	PALEMBANG	270
S Sumatra Fuel Storage Depot	PALEMBANG	90
348th Fld Post Office ?	S Sumatra	20
Palembang Br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	PALEMBANG	55
4th Br, 2nd Fld Shipping Ord Depot	PALEMBANG	90
S Sumatra Ry Br	?	40

Army Air Ground Units

7th Air Intelligence Regt ?	TANDJOENG POERA	900
14th Air Intelligence Unit	PALEMBANG	900
22nd Air Sector Comd ?	PALEMBANG	110
89th Airfield Bn ?	MANA	410
14th Airfield Co	PALEMBANG	225
30th Airfield Co	GLOEMBANG	225
35th Airfield Co (Hq and Els)	TANDJOENG POERA	150
37th Airfield Co ?	LAHAT	225
121st Fld Airfield Cons Unit ?	PALEMBANG	400
122nd Fld Airfield Cons Unit ?	TANDJOENGRADJA	400
14th Fld Met Unit	PALEMBANG	675
35th Ground-Air Radio Unit	PALEMBANG	200
36th Ground-Air Radio Unit	MANA, LAHAT	200
4th Air Navigation Aid Regt	PALEMBANG ?	600
16th Fld Air Repair Depot Br ?	PALEMBANG	360
20th Fld Air Supply Depot (Els)	TELOR NIBOENG	40

CENTRAL SUMATRA

Army Ground Units

Twenty-fifth Army	FT DE KOCK	450
37th Inf Regt, one FA Bn		2,760
1st Ind Antitank Co	PADANG	135
1st Sig Regt	FT DE KOCK	2,160
55th Fixed Radio Unit	FT DE KOCK	25
Southern Army 17th Hosp	FT DE KOCK	270
Twenty-fifth Army MP Unit ?	FT DE KOCK	90
25th Sp Sea Duty Co	FT DE KOCK	25
Padang Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	PADANG	45
Pakanbaroe Detached Unit, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	PAKANBAROE	45

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
<u>CENTRAL SUMATRA (Cont'd)</u>		
<u>Army Ground Units (Cont'd)</u>		
Central Sumatra Fuel Storage Depot	?	90
Central Sumatra Ry Cons Unit (Ghuba Sumatra Odan Tetsudo Kensetsutai)	PAKANBAROE	20
<u>Army Air Ground Units</u>		
68th Airfield Co ?	PAKANBAROE	225
88th Airfield Co ?	PAKANBAROE and PETOENG	225
<u>NW SUMATRA</u>		
<u>Army Ground Units</u>		
2nd Guards Div	MEDAN	18,200
25th Ind Mixed Brig	SIBOLGA	3,720
2nd Ind Hv Arty Bn	MEDAN	540
104th AAA Regt	PANGKALANBRANDAN	990
Pangkalanbrandan Def Comd ?	PANGKALANBRANDAN	135
303rd Ind Motor Transport Co ?	MEDAN	160
18th Sp Motor Transport Co ?	MEDAN	45
160th L/C Motor Transport Co	MEDAN	160
Southern Army 10th Hosp	MEDAN	270
N Sumatra Fuel Storage Depot	PANGKALANBRANDAN	90
Belawan Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	BELAWAN	45
7th Sea Transport Bn	OLEHEH	765
10th Debarkation Unit	RQ KOETARADJA, Els at BELAWAN and	
5th Shipping Sig Co	SIBOLGA	900
5th Br, 2nd Fld Shipping Ord Depot	OLEHEH	340
N Sumatra Ry Br	BELAWAN	90
	?	40
<u>Army Air Ground Units</u>		
8th Air Sector Comd	MEDAN	110
48th Airfield Bn	MEDAN	410
78th, 87th Airfield Bns ?	LEKONSEMAWE	615
16th Fld Air Repair Depot, Br ?	MEDAN	360

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<u>NW SUMATRA (Cont'd)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
<u>Navy Ground Units</u>		
9th Base Force	SABANG, Dets: NIAS, SIMEULOZE, SIBOLGA, PADANG, BENKOELEN, SEKAKAP	1,500
40th Cons Unit	KOETARADJA	1,200

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Army Ground Units

23rd, 34th, 40th AAA Regts ?	2,970
67th Fld AAA Bn ?	470
30th Sp Cons Duty Co ?	25
Twenty-fifth Army Sig Unit ?	90
57th Ind Motor Transport Bn	720
209th Ind Motor Transport Co ?	160
Twenty-fifth Army Fld Motor Transport Depot	380
11th Sp Motor Transport Co (Scheduled)	45
18th Sp Motor Transport Co	45
9th Ry Regt (one Bn only)	450
Twenty-fifth Army Fld Freight Depot	270
Twenty-fifth Army Fld Ord Depot	270
21st Fld Ord Depot (Els) ?	90
47th L/C Sector Unit ?	1,575
82nd L/C Hospital	315
12th Water Supply and Purif Dept	255
347th Field Post Office	20

Army Air Ground Units

179th Airfield Bn (Scheduled) (Part only)	205
180th Airfield Bn (Scheduled) (Part only)	205
66th, 70th Airfield Cos ?	450
144th Fld Airfield Cons Unit ? (Part only)	200
11th Air Sig Regt	300

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ARMED FORCES OF THAILAND

(See map, Inclosure A)

1. Organization.

The Thai Army consists of field forces and the Army of the Interior, which is the recruitment, training and replacement organization. These two branches are discussed in detail below.

Within the last year the entire Army has been re-organized along modern triangular lines and includes all of the components of a modern military force. Formerly the battalion was the largest tactical unit although irregular divisions (Khon Phon Nois and Khon Phon Nhays) existed as administrative formations. Now, however, the division appears to be the tactical unit, organized on a three regiment basis with three battalions to each regiment.

2. Field Forces.

a. The field forces in THAILAND are estimated at 80,000 strength not including military laborers. Two armies have been identified, one with Hq at LAMPANG and one with Hq at LOP BURI. In this study, these Armies have been arbitrarily designated the First and Second Armies, respectively. Seven divisions have been identified but the subordination of the divisions to the Armies is not clear.

b. The estimated dispositions of these forces are shown on the map, Inclosure A, and a list of identified units with their estimated locations is set forth in par 5 below. Three of the divisions are in N THAILAND (with elements of one in the SHAN STATES), three are in the central and E part of the country, and one on the KRA Isthmus. Dispositions have been dictated to some extent by the Japanese. They have encouraged the Thais to guard the CHINA and FRENCH INDO-CHINA borders, both to relieve themselves of the necessity of protecting those areas and to keep Thai troops from the Japanese centers of activity. Both border areas are unhealthy, difficult of access, especially during the monsoons, and will not sustain the troops quartered there. Normally at least one division has been stationed in the SHAN STATES. During February or March, 1945, most of the troops which had been in the SHAN STATES moved back into Thailand.

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3. Army of the Interior

a. Strength

(1) The Army of the Interior is the recruitment, training, and replacement branch of the Thai Army. Its strength is subject to large fluctuations as recruits enter the service, and are trained and dispatched to field units, but the average strength, not including laborers, is estimated at 80,000. The estimated distribution of strength among the Military Districts, late in 1943 and late in 1944, is as follows:

	<u>Late in 1943</u>	<u>Late in 1944</u>
1st Mil District		33,000
BANGKOK area	3,000	
LOP BURI area	10,000	
2nd Mil District	3,000	8,000
3rd Mil District	28,000	12,000
4th Mil District	30,000 )	
5th Mil District	3,000 )	27,000
6th Mil District	3,000 )	
TOTAL	<u>80,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>

(2) There are an estimated 300,000 trained and partially-trained reserves.

b. Organization.

(1) Geographically the Army of the Interior is divided into six Military Districts, and has its garrisons throughout THAILAND. Each District has from four to ten garrisons, the complements of which vary from a single battalion to ten or more battalions. Except for the small garrisons, which quarter only one or two battalions of a single arm of the service, each garrison has units of several of the arms, which include infantry, artillery, cavalry, anti-aircraft, signal, engineer, tank, medical, and transport, as well as labor battalions. The members of the labor battalions receive no military training.

(2) The garrisons in the N portion of the 4th Military District, above PHITSANULOK, appear to be integrated to some degree with the First Field Army troops in that area, probably sharing installations.

c. Dispositions

(1) Dispositions of the garrisons are shown on the map, Inclosure A. Normally there is a large concentration of troops in the general BANGKOK area, which includes the territory around BANGKOK in the 1st District, and adjacent portions of the 2nd and 5th Military Districts. By the end of 1943, however, most Thai forces had moved into the northern and eastern Districts. During 1944 a strong reverse trend was noted, with considerable movement of troops to the south (see par 3.a. above).

(2) The 3rd District constitutes the main reservoir of officers and troops for the Thai Army. All of the garrisons in this District are located in large rice-producing areas, a prime consideration in a country where

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transportation is difficult. The 3rd and 4th Districts touch FRENCH INDO-CHINA along a disputed boundary.

d. Functions.

Normally, the garrisons of the Army of the Interior serve as depots for the field forces, rest stations for relieved detachments of the field, and centers for assembling and training reservists and recruits. When the field forces were expanded from a peacetime strength of about 25,000 to their present strength, battalions of the Army of the Interior were split into two or three battalions, one of which remained a garrison battalion while the other (or others) joined the field forces. The Army of the Interior was not intended as a fighting force, and has a minimum of arms and equipment.

e. Recruitment and Training

(1) Thai males between the ages of 18 and 30 are subject to conscription for two years active service, followed by seven years in the "first reserve", ten years in the "second reserve", and six years in the "third reserve." Inhabitants of certain border localities, over which the government does not exercise firm control, are exempted.

(2) Conscription laws of 1933 contemplated the induction of 20,000 annually, but from 1935 to 1940 the number was actually much smaller. Military budgets emphasized the purchase of material rather than training. It is believed that during the past few years the classes have been much larger. For example, it was reported that the Thais intended to incorporate into the Army the whole of the 1943 class, numbering some 100,000. It is not known to what extent the plan was carried out.

(3) Inadequate training is a major weakness of the Thai Army. Before the war, large numbers of Thai officers were trained in the UNITED STATES, EUROPE and JAPAN. While the only training abroad at present is in JAPAN, the conflicting theories developed among the officers' corps through the years has created confusion. At the last report, official tactical doctrine followed British and French lines. Japanese influence in tactics undoubtedly has become stronger within the past three years.

(4) Up to 1940 there had been no tactical exercises on a level higher than battalion. Resulting staff inexperience in handling large bodies of troops was evident during the war with FRENCH INDO-CHINA. The recent reorganization of the Army (see par 1 above) may have partially remedied this shortcoming.

(5) Although much officer training has been abroad, there is within THAILAND a complete system of military education.

(a) Regular infantry and cavalry officers are commissioned after a three year course at the Royal Military College. Artillery, engineer and signal cadets receive a five year course at the Royal Military Academy. Junior officers receive further training after a tour of duty with the troops.

(b) There is a small staff college for junior officers.

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(c) Non-commissioned officer schools are conducted by each branch of service. Junior NCO's are not promoted from the ranks, but are selected by competitive examination from the secondary schools. Promotion depends upon successful completion of advanced courses.

4. Capabilities.

The Thai High Command is believed to be making preparations to resist the Japanese pressure to obtain stricter control over the Thai Army. Training has been intensified and all measures are being taken to bring the Army to maximum fighting efficiency. In spite of this, and the comparatively large number of men in the Thai Army and its reserves, it is doubtful that they could withstand military action by the Japanese for more than a few weeks. Lack of equipment, inadequate training, poor transportation, and the fact that the Japanese control many essential installations would prevent prolonged resistance.

5. Identified Units in the Thai Army, and Their Estimated Locations.

a. Field Forces.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
First Army	LAMPANG	Inf Regts	
Second Army	LOP BURI	1st	BANGKOK
		2nd	BANGKOK
Inf Divs		3rd	?
1st	BANGKOK-	4th	MONGYANG?
	LOP BURI Area	5th	MONGYANG?
2nd	LAMPANG (Els	6th	CHIENGRAI
	possibly in	7th	CHIENGRAI
	CHIENGMAI)	8th	CHIENGRAI
3rd	LAMPANG-CHIENGRAI	10th	?
	Area (two bns at	18th	?
	KENG TUNG)	19th	KHORAT
4th	MUANG PHAYAO	20th	KHORAT
6th	S THAILAND	21st	KHORAT
7th	PAKNAMPO	22nd	MONGYANG?
u/i	KHORAT		
		Arty Regts	
		1st	BANGKOK
		2nd	BANGKOK
		3rd	WATTHANA NAKHON
		4th	
		5th	BANGKOK
		6th	CHACHOENGSAO
		7th	KHORAT
		8th	KHORAT
		9th	KHORAT
		10th	NAHHON SAWAN
		11th	?
		12th	?
		13th	SINGORA
		14th	NAKHON SI
			THAMMARAT
		15th	RAT BURI
		16th	LOP BURI

There is evidence that divisions are organized on a three-regiment basis with three infantry battalions in each regiment. Sixty-seven infantry battalions have been identified with numbers running as high as 98. With a triangular organization, there are sufficient identified battalions to form seven divisions. If enough unidentified infantry battalions are in existence to complete the number sequence one through 98, there are sufficient battalions to form 11 divisions.

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Inf Bns		Inf Bns (cont'd)	
1st	BANGKOK	63rd	BANGKOK
2nd	PRACHIN BURI	64th	VARIN
3rd	BANGKOK	65th	PHITSANULOK
4th	LOP BURI	66th	PHITSANULOK
5th	THON BURI	67th	BANGKOK
6th	THON BURI	69th	?
7th	BANGKOK	70th	?
8th	SARI BURI	71st	TAPHAN HIN
9th	KANCHANAEURI	72nd	?
10th	ARANYAPRATHET	77th	PATTANI
11th	WATTHANA NAKHON	79th	PHITSANULOK
12th	ARANYAPRATHET	98th	?
13th	PRACHIN BURI		
14th	PRACHIN BURI	Arty Bns	
15th	PRACHIN BURI	58th	KHORAT
16th	?	72nd	TAPHAN HIN
17th	SURIN	85th	UBON
18th	CHIENGRAI		
19th	KHORAT	Cav Bns	
20th	CHIENGRAI	1st	BANG SU*
21st	KHORAT	2nd	KHORAT
22nd	MAK KHAENG	3rd	VARIN
23rd	CHIENGRAI	4th	CHANTHA BURI
24th	VARIN	5th	ROI ET
25th	VARIN	6th	SARA BURI
26th	VARIN	13th	LOP BURI
27th	VARIN	15th	BHAJI
28th	NAKHON SAWAN	20th	CHIENGRAI
29th	CHIENGRAI		
30th	LAMPANG	Engr Bns	
31st	CHIENGMAI	1st Inf	RAT BURI
32nd	TAPHAN HIN	2nd Inf	CHACHOENGSAO
33rd	PHITSANULOK	3rd RR	NAKHON NAYOK
34th	?	4th Forti-	
35th	CHIENGMAI	fication	WATTHANA NAKHON
36th	CHIENGMAI	5th	BANGKOK
37th	RAT BURI	6th	VARIN
38th	CHUMPHON	22nd	TAPHAN HIN
39th	NAKHON SI		
40th	THAMMARAT	Tank Bns	
41st	PHUKET	1st	SHAN STATES?
42nd	SINGORA	2nd	SHAN STATES?
43rd	SATUN	3rd	SHAN STATES?
44th	CHANTHA BURI	4th	SHAN STATES?
45th	PHET BURI	5th	?
46th	BANGKOK	9th	BANGKOK
47th	TAPHAN HIN		
51st	KENG TUNG?	AA Bns	
52nd	PHITSANULOK	1st	BANG SU*
53rd	CHIENGMAI	2nd	BANG SU*
54th	LOP BURI	3rd	?
55th	LOP BURI		
59th	NAKHON SI	Sig Corps Bns	
	THAMMARAT	1st	?
60th	MAK KHAENG	2nd	?
61st	MAK KHAENG	3rd	KHORAT
62nd	?	4th	?

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b. Garrisons of the Army of the Interior.

(1) 1st Military District (Hq BANGKOK)

BANGKOK  
THON BURI  
LOP BURI  
SARA BURI  
NAGORN PATHOM  
AYUTTHYA  
KOKATHIEN  
BAN RACHAN  
BHAI  
PAK JOHNG

(2) 2nd Military District (Hq PRACHIN BURI)

PRACHIN BURI  
WATTHANA NAKHON  
KRABIN  
CHANTRA BURI  
ARANYAPRATHET  
CHACHOENGSAO  
NAKHON NAYOK

(3) 3rd Military District (Hq KHORAT)

KHORAT  
SURIN  
VARIN  
MAK KHAENG  
ROI ET  
SAKON NAKHON  
KHON KAEN  
SISAKET

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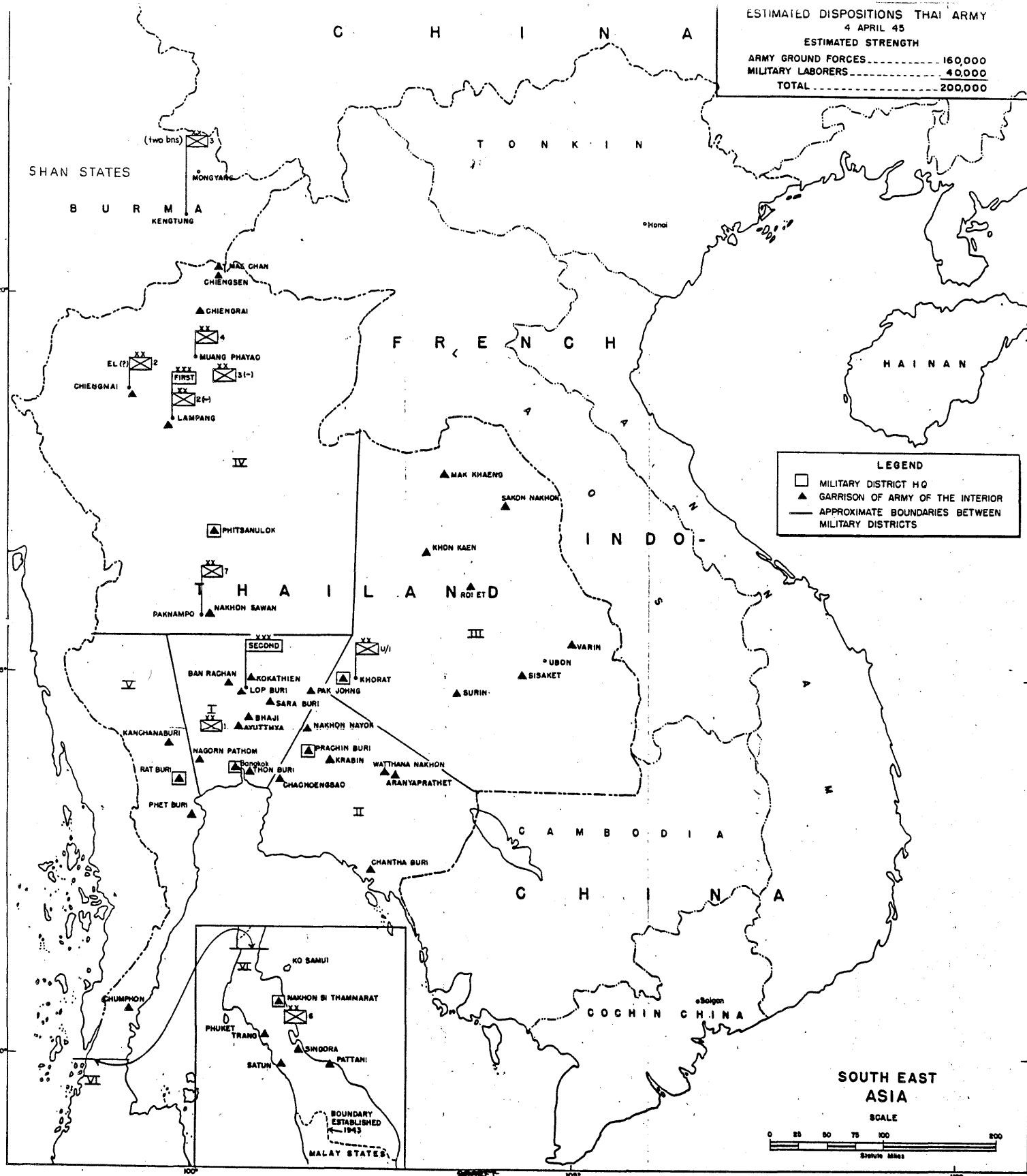
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ESTIMATED DISPOSITIONS THAI ARMY  
4 APRIL 45

ESTIMATED STRENGTH

ARMY GROUND FORCES	160,000
MILITARY LABORERS	40,000
TOTAL	200,000



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Inclosure No. 6  
to Order of Battle  
Bulletin 57.  
7 April 1945

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The following is the weekly list of (a) minor units identified or located and (b) code names and numbers identified on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL (all dates are 1944 unless otherwise specified):

1. MINOR UNITS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
10th Ind FA Bn	CENTRAL and S CHINA	September
11th Ind FA Bn	CENTRAL and S CHINA?	September
53rd Sp Machine Cn Unit	Unlocated	September
26th Ind Antitank Bn	LUZON	January 1945
9th Ind Mortar Co	Unlocated	September
100th Ind Wire Co	MENADO (CELEBES)	September
104th, 105th Ind Wire Cos	MINDANAO	August
284th Ind Motor Transport Co	SAKISHIMA GUNTO (RYUKYUS)	August
27th Fld Water Supply and Purif Dept	RYUKYUS OKINAWA?	September

2. CODE NAMES AND NUMBERS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>	<u>CODE NUMBER</u>
70th Ind Mixed Brig	Kakan (CFC 2354, 2413)	
428th Ind Inf Bn		17002
72nd Ind Mixed Brig	Kantetsu/Kantō (CFC 6306, 1796)	

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Order of Battle Bulletin No. 58  
Japanese Ground Forces  
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A. SUMMARY.

1. JAPAN--Creation of two General Army Commands to control defenses. Location of Hq of Twenty-seventh Army. (B.1.)
2. IZU ISLANDS--Identification of 67th Ind Mixed Brig. (B.1.b.)
3. KOREA--Two unidentified infantry divisions picked up. (B.4.)
4. CENTRAL AND S CHINA--Movement of 47th Div, 2nd Ind Mixed Brig and 13th Tank Regt into area. (B.8.c.)
5. MALAYA-ANDAMANS--Location elements 94th Div. (B.9.c.)
6. SUMATRA--Movement 25th Ind Mixed Brig. (B.9.d.)
7. Growth and disposition of Japanese Army, 1937-1 Apr 45. (C.1.)
8. Japanese Army--Unassigned antiaircraft units. (C.2)
9. Review of Order of Battle--CENTRAL AND S CHINA. (Inclosure No. 3)
10. Review of Order of Battle--FRENCH INDO-CHINA and THAILAND. (Inclosure No. 4)

B. IDENTIFICATIONS, STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS.

1. GENERAL DEFENSE HQ.

a. Strength estimate: 1,166,000, increased from 1,155,000. Army ground strength is increased to 723,000 from 715,000, Army and Navy Air ground to 311,000 from 310,000 and Navy ground to 132,000 from 130,000 to reflect a new identification and reassessment of strength in the IZU ISLANDS (see par b. below).

b. New identifications:

(1) The Tokyo Radio reported on 9 Apr the organization of two separate General Army Commands to control the ground defenses of the Japanese homeland and a General Army Air Command to become the supreme command of the Army Air defensive system there. Field Marshal SUGIYAMA Gen, the

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outgoing War Minister, and Field Marshal HATA Shunroku, former Inspector General of Military Education, were named to head the new ground commands; General KAWABE Shozo, former commander of the Fifteenth Area Army, was appointed head of the new air command. These three commanders are responsible directly to the Emperor. The two ground commands were stated to be on a level with the Kwantung Army, Southern Army and China Expeditionary Army.

The boundaries of the new Army Commands are not known. It is possible, however, that the dividing line may follow generally the N-S mountain mass in CENTRAL JAPAN (approximately the line between the Twelfth and Thirteenth Area Armies), since three of the Area Armies in JAPAN are to the S of the mass and the other three are to the N.

(2) The 67th Ind Mixed Brig, a new unit, has been identified on HACHIJO ISLAND in the IZU ISLANDS, increasing the total estimated strength of these islands to 20,000, (PEN including 17,000 Army ground, 1,000 Army and Navy Air ground VL and 2,000 Navy ground. 2037)

c. New locations and movements: The movement of the Twenty-seventh Army from TENNEI, ETOROFU, and the possibility that it might be scheduled for N HONSHU, under the Eleventh Area Army, has been previously reported (Bulletins 51 and 54). Evidence now available confirms this report and locates the Twenty-seventh Army at SENDAI, under the jurisdiction of the Eleventh Area Army. (J44305)

## 2. FIFTH AREA ARMY.

### KURILES.

(1) General: New information identifies the (J35087 421st and 424th Ind Inf Bns as components of the 69th Ind J35026 Mixed Brig and the 419th and 420th Ind Inf Bns as components of the 43rd Ind Mixed Brig. J339192 J34978)

(2) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(3) New identifications: none.

(4) New locations and movements: For the movement of the Twenty-seventh Army to SENDAI see par 1.g. above.

## 3. TENTH AREA ARMY.

### RYUKYUS.

(1) General: The 399th Ind Inf Bn has been identified as a component of the 60th Ind Mixed Brig.

(2) Strength estimate: 133,000, decreased from 138,000. Army ground strength is reduced to 103,000 from 113,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(3) No other changes.

## 4. SEVENTEENTH AREA ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: 177,000, increased from 131,000.

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Army ground strength is increased to 160,000 from 120,000 to reflect the presence of new units (see par b. below) and Navy ground strength, estimated at 6,000, is included for the first time.

b. New identifications: Two new unidentified infantry divisions have been picked up in KOREA, in the RANAN and KEIJO areas. Their designation and composition are unknown but it is probable that they were formed from the 19th and 20th Depot Divs. The two depot divisions are being retained in Order of Battle, since it is believed that the Japanese now maintain depot divisions at full strength, with an immediate replacement of troops withdrawn by the activation of new divisions. (J44958 J43386 J43385 J43384)

5. OGASAWARA FORCE.

No changes.

6. MANDATES.

No changes.

7. KWANTUNG ARMY.

a. General: The 107th Ron Regt, a component of the 107th Div, has been identified in MANCHURIA. (TL #250 1 Dec 44)

b. Strength estimate: 638,000, increased from 635,000. Navy ground strength, estimated at 3,000, is included in the estimate for the first time. (~~SECRET~~)

c. No other changes.

8. CHINA EXPEDITIONARY ARMY.

a. N CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 337,000, reduced from 342,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 327,000 from 332,000 to reflect the movement of the 2nd Ind Mixed Brig.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) For the movement to the CANTON area of the 2nd Ind Mixed Brig, see par c. (3) below.

(b) For the movement of the 13th Tank Regt and the dropping from Order of Battle of the 6th Tank Brig see par c. (3) below.

b. E CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 126,000, reduced from 143,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 112,000 from 129,000 to reflect the movement of the 47th Div.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: For the movement of the 47th Div to Central and S CHINA, see par c. (3) below.

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g. CENTRAL AND S CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 488,000, increased from 439,000. Army ground strength is increased to 455,000 from 412,000 and Navy ground strength to 16,000 from 10,000 to reflect the presence of the 47th Div and the 2nd Ind Mixed Brig (see par (3) below) and a reassessment of the strength (see Inclosure No. 3).

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) The 47th Div, formerly carried (TX336) in E CHINA probably in the SHANGHAI--HANGCHOW area, has DX220) now been identified in CENTRAL and S CHINA, exact location unknown.

(b) The 2nd Ind Mixed Brig, previously carried at KALGAN, MONGOLIA, has moved to the CANTON area.

(c) The 13th Tank Regt, formerly carried in N CHINA, has been identified in the HANKOW area and is dropped as a component of the 3rd Armored Div. The 3rd and 17th Tank Regts (at one time components of the 1st and 3rd Armored Divs, respectively) have been identified in the same general area (Bulletin 56) and it is possible that (JX all three Regiments are components of the 6th Ind Tank 37635) Brig. The 6th Tank Brig is dropped from Order of Battle since it is believed to have been detached from the 3rd Armored Div and redesignated as the 6th Ind Tank Brig. Only one Tank Regiment, the 12th, is now identified as a component of the 3rd Armored Div. ~~(SECRET)~~

9. SOUTHERN ARMY.

a. FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

(GX1854)

(1) General: The 426th Ind Inf Bn has been identified as a component of the 70th Ind Mixed Brig. ~~(SECRET)~~

(2) Strength estimate: 71,000, increased from 67,000. Army and Navy Air ground is increased to 8,000 from 7,000 and Navy ground to 5,000 from 2,000 as a result of a study and reassessment of strength of identified units in the area (see Inclosure 4 for details of the strength estimate).

(3) No other changes.

b. THAILAND.

(1) Strength estimate: 18,000, increased from 17,000. Navy ground strength is increased to 2,000 from 1,000 (see Inclosure 4 for details of the strength estimate).

(2) No other changes.

c. MALAYA-ANDAMANS.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The 94th Inf Gp and 256th Inf Regt of the 94th Div have been identified

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at KUALA LUMPUR. The 94th Div is carried with Hq at CHUMPHON  
(Bulletin 44). (~~SECRET~~)

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d. SUMATRA.

- (1) Strength estimate: unchanged.
- (2) New identifications: none.
- (3) New locations and movements: The scheduled movement of the bulk of the 4th Div, formerly at PADANG, to THAILAND was reported in Bulletin 57. Evidence now available discloses that the 25th Ind Mixed Brig, heretofore carried at SIBOLGA, has moved to PADANG.

e. LUZON.

- (1) Strength estimate: 72,000, reduced from 77,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 61,000 from 66,000 to reflect reported casualties.
- (2) No other changes.

f. CENTRAL AND S PHILIPPINES

- (1) Strength estimate: 63,000, reduced from 64,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is decreased to 20,000 from 21,000 to reflect reported casualties.
- (2) No other changes.

g. E NEW GUINEA.

- (1) Strength estimate: 20,000, reduced from 27,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 18,000 from 25,000 to reflect reported casualties and attrition.
- (2) No other changes.

10. EIGHTH AREA ARMY.

No changes.

C. SPECIAL ARTICLES.

1. GROWTH AND DISPOSITION OF JAPANESE ARMY, 1937-1 APR 45.

Inclosure No. 5 contains a chart and a series of tables depicting the growth of the Japanese Army in divisions and brigades since 1937. Unit dispositions and strength estimates for the various areas occupied by the Japanese are also included. The number of men in the Japanese Army is estimated to have increased by more than eight times between 1936 and 1945. Divisions increased from 17 to 98 and brigades from 5 to 67 during the period.

2. JAPANESE ARMY--UNASSIGNED ANTIAIRCRAFT UNITS.

a. The following study of the development of personnel and weapons of Antiaircraft Units from 1941 to 1945, based upon information available to 1 Apr 45, is the first of a series of studies of various unassigned

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units in the Japanese Army. All Antiaircraft Units which are purely Hq organizations, such as the Antiaircraft Artillery Groups and the Rangoon Defense Command, have been omitted. All unassigned Units, including the five (possibly six) Antiaircraft Units assigned to divisions, the eight assigned to brigades and the seven assigned to fortresses have also been excluded from the study. It is not believed that the inclusion of these units would materially effect the results shown.

b. In view of developments in the PACIFIC it is believed that the expansion of unassigned Antiaircraft Units shown by the study has continued at an accelerated rate since 1 Jan 45. The available information for the period since 1 Jan is not believed to be complete enough to permit covering that period in this study.

c. The following table shows the expansion of unassigned Antiaircraft Units and personnel from 31 Dec 41 to 1 Jan 45:

(Personnel computed on basis of T/O)

		31 Dec 41	31 Dec 42	31 Dec 43	31 Dec 44
Ind AA Def	Units	4	9	10	10
Bns	Personnel	1,400	3,150	3,500	3,500
Ind AAA Bns	Units	2	6	7	11
	Personnel	700	2,100	2,450	3,850
Ind AAA Cos	Units	4	21	19	16
	Personnel	500	2,625	2,375	2,000
Ind Fld AAA Cos	Units	10	12	19	31
	Personnel	1,750	2,100	3,325	5,425
AA Def Regts	Units	15	18	25	4
	Personnel	16,500	19,800	27,500	4,400
AAA Regts	Units	11	11	13	33
	Personnel	12,100	12,100	14,300	36,300
Machine Cn Bns	Units			4	8
	Personnel			1,400	2,800
Fld AAA Bns (1)	Units	18	22	35	50
	Personnel	10,800	13,200	21,000	30,000
Fld Machine Cn Cos	Units	11	15	30	47
	Personnel	1,925	2,625	5,250	8,225
Sp Machine Cn Units (2)	Units				51
	Personnel				5,100
Total Personnel		45,675	57,700	81,100	101,600

(1) T/O of Type A - 525 and of Type B - 675. Mean of 600 used in chart.

(2) T/O of 100 assumed.

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An examination of the chart discloses the following developments:

(1) All types of units, except Antiaircraft Defense Regiments, more than doubled in number and personnel during the period.

(2) Between 31 Dec 41 and 31 Dec 42 the most conspicuous expansion in number and personnel occurred in the Independent Antiaircraft Defense Battalions (more than doubled), the Independent Antiaircraft Artillery (tripled) and the Independent Antiaircraft Artillery Companies (more than quintupled).

(3) Not until 1943, however, did most types of units begin to expand at an accelerated rate. The expansion continued into 1944. All except two of the nine types of units increased in number during this period and five of them more than doubled in strength and number. The decrease of Independent Antiaircraft Artillery Companies from 21 at 31 Dec 42 to 16 at 31 Dec 44 is due to the annihilation of three of them on ATTU and the absorption of others by other units. The Antiaircraft Defense Regiments declined from a high of 25 on 31 Dec 43 to four on 31 Dec 44 because they were converted into Antiaircraft Artillery Regiments. The increase in Antiaircraft Artillery Regiments, therefore, represents a redesignation and not the formation of new units.

(4) All of the 51 identified Special Machine Cannon Units were organized in 1944. These Units operate under Air commands for the defense of airfields but their precise strength, organization and function is not known.

d. Developments in armament of the unassigned Antiaircraft Units during the period are shown by the following table:

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Aggregate Armament of Unassigned Antiaircraft Units  
(Computed on basis of T/E)

	31 Dec 41			31 Dec 42			31 Dec 43			31 Dec 44		
	75 mm Guns	HMGs	Mach- line Cns	75 mm Guns	HMGs	Mach- line Cns	75 mm Guns	HMGs	Mach- line Cns	75 mm Guns	HMGs	Mach- line Cns
Ind AA Def Bns	32	16		72	36		80	40		80	40	
Ind AAA Bns	16	8		48	24		56	28		88	44	
Ind AAA Cos	16	8		84	42		76	38		64	32	
Ind Flld AAA Cos	40	20		48	24		76	38		124	62	
AA Def Regts	240	120		288	144		400	200		64	32	
AAA Regts	176	88		176	88		208	104		528	264	
Machine Cn Bns									72			144
Flld AAA Bns (1)	216	108		264	132		420	210		600	300	
Flld Machine Cn Cos			66			90			180			282
Sp Machine Cn Units (2)												204
Total	736	368	66	980	490	90	1,316	658	252	1,548	774	630

{1} Armament same for both Type A and Type B Battalions.  
{2} Two to six machine cannon in each Unit. Mean of four used in chart.

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The following points may be noted from the above table:

(1) The number of all types of weapons increased from 1941 to 1945, the 75 mm guns by 103%, the heavy machine guns by 103% and the machine cannons by 836%.

(2) The greater relative expansion of machine cannons may be due to the more extensive use of low level bombing and strafing by the Allies. It may also indicate the inability of Japanese industry to manufacture as many 75 mm guns as are desired.

(3) The Japanese have larger antiaircraft weapons than the 75 mm guns but information about the distribution and number of the larger weapons is fragmentary.

e. The units, weapons and personnel were disposed on 1 Jan 45 as follows:

<u>UNITS</u>	<u>EMPIRE (JAPAN, KURILES, MANCHURIA, KOREA RYUKYUS, FORMOSA)</u>	<u>CHINA</u>	<u>SOUTHERN AREA</u>	<u>UNLOCATED</u>
Ind AA Def Bns	9			1
Ind AAA Bns	6		3	2
Ind AAA Cos	15			1
Ind Fld AAA Cos	4		21	6
AA Def Regts	4			
AAA Regts	23	3	7	
Machine Cn Bns	5		2	1
Fld AAA Bns	6	3	39	2
Fld Machine Cn Cos	9	2	34	2
Sp Machine Cn Units			47	4
75 mm guns	700	84	688	76
HMGs	350	42	344	38
Machine Cns	144	12	428	46
Personnel	44,450	5,450	47,175	4,525

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The table shows:

(1) Most of the Independent Field Antiaircraft Artillery Companies, Field Antiaircraft Artillery Battalions, Field Machine Cannon Companies and Special Machine Cannon Units are in the Southern Area. Most of the units of the other types are in the EMPIRE. The number of Antiaircraft Units in CHINA is relatively insignificant.

(2) The personnel strengths of the units in the EMPIRE almost balances that of the units in the Southern Area. Strength of units in CHINA and strength of unlocated units each amount to approximately 5% of total strength.

(3) The number of 75 mm guns in the Southern Area almost equals the number in the EMPIRE, the number in each area amounting to approximately 45% of the total number. Heavy machine guns are disposed in approximately the same ratio. A considerably larger number of machine cannon are in the Southern Area than elsewhere.

f. The study discloses that the personnel of the units of the type covered more than doubled during the period, increasing from 45,675 to 101,600. Except in the case of machine cannons, which increased more than eight times, the number of weapons increased in about the same ratio. The whole trend of expansion in Antiaircraft units, weapons and personnel, especially the general acceleration since 1942, is believed to reflect the general shift by the Japanese from the offensive to the defensive.

D. NEW IDENTIFICATIONS AND LOCATIONS OF MINOR UNITS.

The following is the weekly list of minor units identified or located on an ULTRA level (all dates are 1945 unless otherwise specified):

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
19th Ind MG Bn	RYUKYUS YAEYAMA RETTO?	December 1944
43rd Ind AAA Bn	Unlocated	October 1944
35th Fld AAA Bn	YENANGYAUNG	February
89th Fld AAA Bn	Scheduled for BORNEO	November 1944
51st, 52nd Sp Machine Cn Units	Scheduled for LUZON	September 1944
7th Ind Antitank Bn	OKINAWA GUNTO?	December 1944
7th Ind Mortar Co	FORMOSA-RYUKYUS Area?	October 1944

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
54th Cons Duty Co	CERAM	January
114th Ind Wire Co	HEITO (FORMOSA)	December 1944
124th Ind Wire Co	BORNEO	January
7th Sig Regt	MUKDEN? ✓	March
82nd Ind Motor Transport Bn	MANCHURIA? HAILAR?	March
84th Ind Motor Transport Bn	MANCHURIA HULIN?	March
Kwantung Army Water Supply and Purif Dept	HARBIN	March
20th Sp Land Duty Co	RABAU Area	March
Southern Army Fld Ry Comd	BANGKOK	March
19th Fld Ord Depot	RYUKYUS	November 1944
2nd Br, 3rd Fld Shipping Depot	TOKAI (KAI IS)	February

**E. SUPPLEMENTS.**

1. Chart showing dispositions and strengths of Japanese Army forces--Inclosure No. 1.
2. Map showing chain of command in the Japanese Army--Inclosure No. 2.
3. Review of Order of Battle in CENTRAL and S CHINA--Inclosure No. 3.
4. Review of Order of Battle in FRENCH INDO-CHINA and THAILAND--Inclosure No. 4.
5. Study of the growth and disposition of the Japanese Army, 1937-1 Apr 45--Inclosure No. 5.
6. List of minor units identified or located on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL--Inclosure No. 6.

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No. for Command	AREA	Arrives	Divisions			Regiments			Estimated Army Circled	Estimated Army ATF Circled	TOTAL	Remarks	TOTALS
			Triangular	Brigaded	Total	Inf	Art	Inf					
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1. General.

Late in May 1944, the Japanese undertook a series of campaigns in order to (a) capture or neutralize the Allied airfields in S CHINA (b) provide overland communications between all major Japanese-occupied areas on the Asiatic continent, including the S CHINA Coast, and (c) reduce further the capabilities of the Chinese Army. To achieve these objectives, the Japanese made their most extensive military effort in CHINA since their conquest of the YANGTZE VALLEY in 1938. Major Order of Battle changes were made, and twelve divisions were committed to a campaign of over eight months' duration.

2. Hunan-Kwangsi Campaign.

a. Order of Battle (See Annex A)

(1) The first series of Japanese operations in S CHINA consisted of two coordinated offensives, a main effort which moved S and SW from YOCHOW and a smaller drive to the W from CANTON. The Japanese committed eight\* of the fourteen divisions which they had stationed throughout the YANGTZE VALLEY, to their drive S from YOCHOW. The diversion of so large a force from the garrison duties which it formerly had performed was made possible by the formation in January and February 1944 of five independent infantry brigades,\*\* the cadres for which were drawn largely from the Japanese divisions in CENTRAL CHINA. These independent infantry brigades, together with five divisions and an independent mixed brigade which were not committed to the campaign, took over the duty of garrisoning the entire YANGTZE VALLEY from SHANGHAI to ICHANG.

(2) In order to build their striking force based on the HANKOW area up to ten divisions, the Japanese also drew on their forces in N CHINA. Two divisions moved to HANKOW from N CHINA, probably along the route of the destroyed Peking-Hankow railroad which had been captured by the Japanese in May.

\*The 3rd, 13th, 34th, 40th, 58th, 64th, 68th and 116th. In addition, the 22nd Div was moved to CANTON (see par 3.b.)

\*\*The 6th (ANKING, E CHINA), 5th, 7th, 11th and 12th (see Annex C)

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(3) The power of the Japanese striking force concentrated S of HANKOW, estimated at 250,000 men, is indicated by the following:

(a) Seven of the ten divisions assigned to the operation were spearhead divisions with a triangular organization. The other three were brigaded divisions more suitable for holding newly-occupied territory than for front-line operations.

(b) Armor was provided by moving a tank brigade from the 3rd Armd Div from N CHINA to the HANKOW area.

(4) This force of ten divisions and one tank brigade was commanded during the operations by the Eleventh Army, formerly at HANKOW. Command of the garrison forces in the HANKOW area was taken over by a new Army, the Thirty-fourth. Over-all command of the operations was given to a new Area Army, the Sixth, which directed both the forces based on HANKOW and those based on CANTON.

b. Operations.

(1) Forward elements of the Eleventh Army attacked S from the YOCHOW AREA on 27 May. CHANGSHA, which had withstood many previous Japanese attacks, fell on 19 June. Japanese troops advancing down the Hankow-Canton railroad encountered little opposition until they reached the outskirts of HENGYANG. The Chinese defense of this important rail junction was prolonged and stubborn, and the city was not occupied by the Japanese until 8 Aug.

(2) After the fall of HENGYANG, Chinese resistance, weakened by heavy losses suffered in the HENGYANG battle, was negligible. Japanese advances were limited primarily by their logistical problems. Since the railroad was torn up and the roads were in poor condition, they were forced to depend to a large extent on the SIANG RIVER as a line of communications. To man and operate the large number of small boats required to move supplies along this waterway, the Japanese organized temporary "sampan units". They also moved supplies over the roads using a number of independent motor transport regiments and battalions. The 14th Air Force attacked these vulnerable supply lines with great effectiveness until it was forced by the Japanese advance to abandon its bases at KWEILIN and LIUCHOW.

(3) In spite of their difficulties of supply, the Japanese pushed on SW from HENGYANG along the Hengyang-Liuchow railroad. They captured KWEILIN on 11 Nov after an advance interrupted only by periods of waiting for their supplies to catch up with them and a brief stand before KWEILIN by Chinese troops.

3. West River Campaign.

a. In the meantime, the Japanese forces in the CANTON

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area had moved W along the WEST RIVER and joined up with Eleventh Army troops in the LIUCHOW area on 15 Nov. Elements of the CANTON forces also captured NANNING and moved SW from NANNING to meet troops moving N from the FRENCH INDO-CHINA border, thereby linking up Japanese-held territory in CHINA and SE ASIA.

b. Two divisions\* were committed to this operation under command of the Twenty-third Army. The 104th Div had been stationed in the CANTON area since 1941. In June and July 1944, the forces under the Twenty-third Army were strengthened by the movement of the 22nd Div from KINHWA to SHANGHAI and then by sea to CANTON.

c. The operations of the smaller forces from CANTON resembled those of the Eleventh Army. The main axis of advance was the WEST RIVER waterway which was used as the primary line of communications. An independent mixed brigade and two independent infantry brigades took over the duties of garrisoning the CANTON area and the lines of communication.

#### 4. Kweichow Operations.

a. After the fall of LIUCHOW the twelve divisions under the Eleventh and Twenty-third Armies were strung along the corridor from CHANGSHA to NANNING (see Annex B). The strength of this force constituted a threat to KUNMING and CHUNGKING. The Japanese, taking advantage of the complete disorganization of the Chinese forces in KWANGSI PROVINCE, actually occupied most of the Liuchow-Tuyun railroad in November with a small force consisting of elements of the 3rd and 13th Divs. However, these troops were not equipped for winter operations and they withdrew as they encountered mountainous terrain, snow, supply difficulties and increasing Chinese resistance.

#### 5. Capture of Hengyang-Canton Railroad and E CHINA Airfields--January 1945. (See Annex B)

The next offensive of the Japanese widened their corridor eastward, giving them control of the Hengyang-Canton railroad, and neutralized the Allied airfields E of the railroad in the KAN RIVER VALLEY. Elements of four divisions\*\* were committed to this campaign. These eastward movements reduced the Japanese capabilities for operations against CHUNGKING and KUNMING but their strength between HENGYANG and NANNING remained impressive.

#### 6. Command Organization.

The Japanese command set-up in CENTRAL and S CHINA is now as follows: The Sixth Area Army, which had followed the Eleventh Army S as far as NANYUEH (22 m. N of HENGYANG) during the fall operations, moved its Hq back to HANKOW. The command of the Sixth Area Army includes four armies--the Eleventh at LIUCHOW, the Twentieth at HENGYANG, the Twenty-third at CANTON and the Thirty-fourth at HANKOW. (The Thirteenth Army in E CHINA is not under its jurisdiction.) The

\*The 22nd and 104th Divs.

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Twentieth Army was transferred to CENTRAL CHINA from MANCHURIA in the latter part of 1944. It probably has taken over some of the units formerly under the Eleventh Army, which commanded ten divisions in the summer of 1944, an unusually large command for a Japanese Army. The divisions which are subordinate to the respective armies are not definitely known.

7. Developments Since January 1945.

a. Reinforcement of N FRENCH INDO-CHINA (See Annex B). In conjunction with their operations placing FRENCH INDO-CHINA under military control, the Japanese moved the 37th Div from KWEILIN to HANOI and the 22nd Div from NANNING to the FRENCH INDO-CHINA border. Both of these Divisions are now in the order of battle of the Thirty-eighth Army (Hq SAIGON). Movement of the 34th Div to N FRENCH INDO-CHINA has been reported but is not yet accepted. It is not yet clear whether these movements represent a defensive reinforcement against French resistance and the threat of Allied operations from the E, or are steps in an offensive build-up preparatory to operations against KUNMING.

b. Other Movements (See Annex C).

Upon completion of the operations against the Allied airfields in the KAN RIVER VALLEY, the 104th Div moved S to the coast and established its Hq at HOIFUNG. So far as is known, this division is the only one of the twelve committed to the S CHINA operations which has been withdrawn from the interior to strengthen defenses along the CHINA Coast. Furthermore, the 47th Div has moved inland from E CHINA and is under the Sixth Area Army, possibly in the HENGYANG area. However, the ten divisions now located in the LIUCHOW-CHANGSHA-KUKONG triangle constitute a centrally located reserve capable of (1) reinforcing both the S CHINA Coast and the E CHINA Coast and (2) threatening vital Allied installations and troop concentrations to the W.

8. Annexes.

Dispositions and movements of Japanese forces in CENTRAL and S CHINA during the period covered in this Review are shown in Annexes A, B and C. Details of the strength estimate for the area and a list of the identified ground units in CENTRAL and S CHINA, exclusive of those on the S CHINA Coast, are set forth in Annex D. Units identified on the Coast were listed in Inclosure 4 to Bulletin No. 56.

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Annex B

CENTRAL AND S CHINA

1. Estimated Ground Strength

	<u>Identified Units</u>	<u>Total Strength</u>	<u>Navy Ground</u>	<u>Air Ground</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Interior	327,000	372,000	3,000	11,000	386,000
Coastal Areas	<u>60,000</u>	<u>83,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>102,000</u>
Totals	<u>387,000</u>	<u>455,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>488,000</u>

2. Identified Ground Units

(A complete list of identified units in the coastal areas, based on information to 28 Mar 45, was published as a part of Inclosure 4 to Bulletin 56. Accordingly, units in the coastal areas are excluded from the following list.)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
a. <u>Major Combat Units</u>		
3rd Div	LIUCHOW Area	14,600
13th Div	ISHAN Area ?	17,400
22nd Div	NANNING Area	16,500
27th Div	HENGYANG Area	17,100
34th Div	CHUANHSIEN Area	16,000
39th Div	TANGYANG Area	16,000
40th Div	KUKONG Area	17,300
47th Div	C and S CHINA, Unlocated	17,000
58th Div	KWEILIN Area	10,000

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
64th Div	CHANGSHA Area	10,000
68th Div	HENG YANG Area	10,000
116th Div	PAOCHING Area	16,000
17th Ind Mixed Brig	YOCOW Area	4,800
22nd Ind Mixed Brig	KWEIPING Area	8,600
5th Ind Inf Brig	SHASI Area	4,000
7th Ind Inf Brig	NANCHANG Area	4,000
11th Ind Inf Brig	YINGSHAN Area	4,000
12th Ind Inf Brig ✓	SIENNING Area	4,000
6th Ind Tank Brig	C and S CHINA, Unlocated	2,240
13th Tank Regt (subordination tentative)		
17th Tank Regt (subordination tentative)		

b. Other Army Units

(1) Combat

3rd Tank Regt	HENG YANG Area	720
9th Ind Tankette Co	HANKOW ?	117
22nd AAA Regt	HANKOW	990
1st Fld Repl Unit	SIANGTAN	4,000
2nd Fld Repl Unit	LIUYANG ?	4,000
5th Fld Repl Unit	HANKOW	4,000
9th Fld Repl Unit	KIUKIANG	4,000
10th Fld Repl Unit	YINGCHENG	4,000
2nd Ind Fld Arty Regt	Unlocated	518
9th Ind Fld Arty Bn	Unlocated	473
2nd Ind Mt Arty Regt	Unlocated	2,475
5th Ind Mt Arty Regt	Unlocated	2,475

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
11th Ind Mt Arty Regt	Unlocated	2,475
51st Ind Mt Arty Bn	Unlocated	833
52nd Ind Mt Arty Bn	Unlocated	833
14th Medium Arty Regt	Unlocated	2,093
15th Ind Medium Arty Regt	Unlocated	1,350
1st Balloon Co	Unlocated	180
1st Mortar Bn	Unlocated	743
4th Mortar Bn	Unlocated	743
15th Mortar Bn	Unlocated	743
16th Mortar Bn	Unlocated	743
17th Ind Antitank Bn	Unlocated	428
11th Engr Unit	Unlocated	45
1st Ind Engr Regt	Unlocated	990
14th Ind Engr Regt ?	Unlocated	990
59th Ind Engr Bn	(Scheduled)	540
60th Ind Engr Bn ?	Unlocated	540
61st Ind Engr Bn	Unlocated	540
(2) <u>Service Units</u>		
Sixth Area Army HQ	HANKOW	450
Eleventh Army HQ	LIUCHOW	450
Twentieth Army HQ	HENGYANG	450
Twenty-third Army HQ	CANTON	450
Thirty-fourth Army HQ	HANKOW	450
71st Fld PO	KINGMEN ?	20
1st Fld Duty Unit	HANKOW	295
Eleventh Army Sig Unit	HANKOW	90
13th Sig Regt	HANKOW	2,160

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
28th Sig Regt	Unlocated	2,160
1st Sig Unit	Unlocated	270
60th Fixed Radio Unit	HANKOW ?	20
1st Fld Sig Co	Unlocated	180
8th Fld Sig Co	Unlocated	180
9th Fld Sig Co	Unlocated	180
1st Hankow Military Hosp	HANKOW	270
2nd Hankow Military Hosp	HANKOW	270
9th Div, 2nd Water Transport Unit	HANKOW	540
Gds Div, 10th Land Transport Unit	HANKOW	540
7th Div, 8th Land Transport Unit	HANKOW	540
3rd Div, 2nd Cons Transport Unit	HANKOW	540
3rd Div, 3rd Cons Transport Unit	HANKOW	540
4th Fld Ry Comd	HANKOW	428
1st Ry Regt	HANKOW	2,250
14th Ry Regt	HANKOW	2,250
Eleventh Army Fld Motor Transport Depot	HANKOW	1,300
Eleventh Army Fld Freight Depot	HANKOW	1,300
Hankow Br, 2nd Shipping Trans- port Comd	HANKOW	45
Hankow MP Unit	HANKOW	130
60th Fld PO	HANKOW	20
Hengyang Military Hosp	HENG YANG	270
101st Sea Duty Co (el)	HANKOW	100
Hankow Br, 6th Fld Shipping Depot	HANKOW	100

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
68th Fld PO	HSIAOKAN ?	20
66th Fld PO	SIENNING	20
62nd Fld PO	HSINGYANG ?	20
61st Fld PO	HUANGPEI	20
72nd Fld PO	ICHANG ?	20
4th L/C Hosp	KIUKIANG	315
Kinhwa Military Hosp	KINHWA	270
141st Fld PO	KIUKIANG ?	20
Liuchow Military Hosp	LIUCHOW	270
63rd Fld PO	NANCHANG	20
Paitzu Military Hosp	PAITZU	270
149th Fld PO	SHASI ?	20
73rd Fld PO	SHAYANG	20
152nd Fld PO	SHINSHOU ?	20
11th Fld Transport Comd	WUCHANG	45
Wuchang Military Hosp	WUCHANG	270
64th Fld PO	YINGCHENG ?	20
65th Fld PO	YINGSHAN ?	20
143rd Fld PO	YOOHOW	20
97th Ind Radio Plat ?	Unlocated	20
4th Ind Transport Regt	Unlocated	2,700
64th Ind Transport Bn	Unlocated	2,000
75th Ind Transport Bn ?	Unlocated	2,453
21st Ind Transport Co	Unlocated	360
3rd Div, 2nd L/C Transport Co	Unlocated	153
13th Motor Transport Regt ?	Unlocated	1,350
29th Motor Transport Regt	Unlocated	1,350

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
3rd L/C Hosp	Unlocated	315
14th L/C Hosp	Unlocated	315
15th L/C Hosp	Unlocated	315
21st L/C Hosp	Unlocated	315
72nd L/C Hosp	Unlocated	315
127th L/C Hosp	Unlocated	315
128th L/C Hosp	Unlocated	315
132nd L/C Hosp	Unlocated	315
South China Vet Quarantine Hosp	Unlocated	135
11th Vet Quarantine Hosp	Unlocated	135
19th L/C Vet Hosp	Unlocated	473
53rd Fld Rd Cons Unit	Unlocated	360
54th Fld Rd Cons Unit	Unlocated	360
55th Fld Rd Cons Unit	Unlocated	360
56th Fld Rd Cons Unit	Scheduled	360
1st Sp Cons Duty Co	Unlocated	20
102nd Sp Cons Duty Co ?	Unlocated	20
97th Land Duty Co	Unlocated	315
2nd Waterways Transport Unit ?	Unlocated	1,350
7th Div, 7th Land Transport Unit ?	Unlocated	540
7th Div, 2nd Cons Transport Unit	Unlocated	540
3rd Ry Regt	Unlocated	2,250
12th Ry Regt	Unlocated	2,250
15th Ry Regt	Unlocated	2,250
1st Ind Ry Bridge Bn	Unlocated	540

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
2nd Ind Ry Bridge Bn	Unlocated	540
1st Ind Ry Eng Service Bn	Unlocated	540
Eleventh Army Fld Ord Dep	Unlocated	1,350
C China Fld Remount Dep	Unlocated	90
51st L/C Section Unit	Unlocated	1,575
52nd L/C Sector Unit	Unlocated	1,575
66th L/C Sector Unit	Unlocated	1,575
71st L/C Sector Unit	Unlocated	1,575
81st L/C Sector Unit	Unlocated	1,575
82nd L/C Sector Unit	Unlocated	1,575
29th Shipping Eng Regt	Unlocated	1,080
13th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
29th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
30th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
31st Fld PO	Unlocated	20
32nd Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
33rd Fld PO	Unlocated	20
39th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
43rd Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
46th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
47th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
70th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
96th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
100th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
102nd Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
106th Fld PO	Unlocated	20

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
144th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
145th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
146th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
147th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
202nd Fld PO	Unlocated	20
203rd Fld PO	Unlocated	20
204th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
205th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
207th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
208th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
209th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
210th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
211th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
212th Fld PO	Unlocated	20
215th Fld PO ?	Unlocated	20
222nd Fld PO	Unlocated	20

c. Navy Units

Kiukiang Guard Force	Kiukiang	1,500
Yangtze R. Area Base Force	Hankow	1,500

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FRENCH INDO-CHINA AND THAILAND  
ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW  
(See Map, Annex A)

1. General.

After their occupation of FRENCH INDO-CHINA and THAILAND in 1940 and 1941, the Japanese maintained small garrisons in the two countries. By November 1944 the defeats in BURMA and the SW PACIFIC and the threat of possible Allied operations in FRENCH INDO-CHINA and THAILAND impelled the Japanese to begin the reorganization and reinforcement of their garrisons. This reinforcement has been most pronounced in FRENCH INDO-CHINA, where Japanese strength has been raised to 71,000, including three infantry divisions and one independent mixed brigade and the major part of another. In addition, a fourth infantry division, the 22nd, has been ordered transferred to the Thirty-eighth Army (Hq SAIGON) from the Twenty-third Army in S CHINA. In THAILAND Japanese strength is currently estimated at 18,000, but the bulk of the 4th Div has been ordered to this area from SUMATRA.

2. Order of Battle - November 1944.

a. FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

Estimated strength: 41,000

Major Units: French Indo-China Garrison Army

21st Div (major elements in area since late in 1941)

34th Ind Mixed Brig (less two battalions sent to BURMA in May 1944)

b. THAILAND.

Estimated strength: 13,000

Major Units: Thailand Garrison Army

29th Ind Mixed Brig (activated during November-December 1943 from 6th Fld Repl Unit and elements of 21st Div)

c. In November 1944 Southern Army Hq reached SAIGON from MANILA (where it had moved in April 1944 from SINGAPORE). This move was followed by a series of Japanese Order of Battle changes throughout the FRENCH INDO-CHINA--THAILAND area.

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3. Japanese Order of Battle Changes - November 1944 to Date:

a. FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

25 Nov 44 Arrival of Southern Army Hq at SAIGON. The Hq left MANILA on 17 November although some functions had already been taken over by SAIGON as early as 5 Nov. The Army's battle Hq at MANILA closed 20 Nov.

20 Dec 44 FRENCH INDO-CHINA Garrison Army (Hq SAIGON) changed into a tactical army, the Thirty-eighth. The Army remained subordinate to the Southern Army.

December 1944 The 70th Ind Mixed Brig located in FRENCH INDO-CHINA, possibly in the HANOI area. Date of activation of the unit (probably formed from troops already in the area) is unknown.

January 1945 The 2nd Div, less one infantry regiment (the 16th) and one artillery battalion, ordered to BANGKOK from BURMA on 14 Jan. On 26 Jan, the Thirty-ninth Army (Hq BANGKOK) was ordered to transfer the main force of the Division to the Thirty-eighth Army (Hq SAIGON), the Division to be disposed in the PNOMPENH-SAIGON area. The main force of the Division is believed to have arrived in the area in March.

January 1945 The Reconnaissance Regiment of the 4th Div plus certain service troops was ordered to move to the PNOMPENH-SAIGON area and come under the jurisdiction of the Thirty-eighth Army. Most of the 4th Div was to be subordinated to the Thirty-ninth Army as of 30 Mar 45.

January-February 1945 Move of 37th Div (less elements remaining in Central CHINA) from the LIUCHOW area through NANNING to BACNINH, N FRENCH INDO-CHINA. The Division was scheduled to concentrate in N FRENCH INDO-CHINA early in February after completing crossing of the frontier about the end of January.

March 1945 The 22nd Div, which took part in the KWANGSI campaign in the fall of 1944 and had been in the NANNING area since December 1944, ordered to be placed under the jurisdiction of Thirty-eighth Army effective 30 Mar. The 22nd Div was scheduled to move into N FRENCH INDO-CHINA by the end of February and is now believed concentrated in the CHINA border area NE of HANOI.

b. THAILAND.

20 Dec 44 Thailand Garrison Army (Hq BANGKOK) changed into a tactical Army, the

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Thirty-ninth, and its operational area was extended to include that portion of BURMA lying between a line drawn about 15 m. S of YE (about 30 m. S of MOULMEIN) and a line drawn across the S tip of SULLIVAN IS. The old and new Army boundaries are shown in Annex A. The Army remained subordinate to the Southern Army.

30 Mar 45

The 4th Div from SUMATRA was scheduled to be removed from Order of Battle of the Twenty-fifth Army and placed in that of the Thirty-ninth Army. On 14 January most of this Division had been ordered to leave SUMATRA for BANGKOK. The 37th Inf Regt and other divisional elements were scheduled to remain in SUMATRA. The two battalions of the 61st Inf Regt of the Division and one company of the 4th Fld Arty Regt, which had been sent to BURMA in June 1944, were ordered to rejoin the Division in THAILAND but they were identified in BURMA as late as March.

#### 4. Future Developments.

Of the four divisions and two (-) independent mixed brigades at present under, or scheduled to be under, the Thirty-eighth Army's jurisdiction, two divisions and possibly one brigade are concentrated in N FRENCH INDO-CHINA in the HANOI area and one division is in the CHINA border area NE of HANOI. The purpose of this concentration is not yet clear, but it may be a defensive measure against threats of Allied landings and a safeguard against unexpected developments in disarming the French. Further strengthening of this area could be taken to indicate a Japanese intention to launch an offensive against KUNMING.

The comparative weakness of Japanese strength in THAILAND, in spite of the anticipated arrival of most of the 4th Div, suggests that the Japanese may now depend upon BURMA for combat troops to defend THAILAND. For this purpose it seems probable that they later will try to salvage the remnants of the Burma Area Army and withdraw it for the defense of THAILAND.

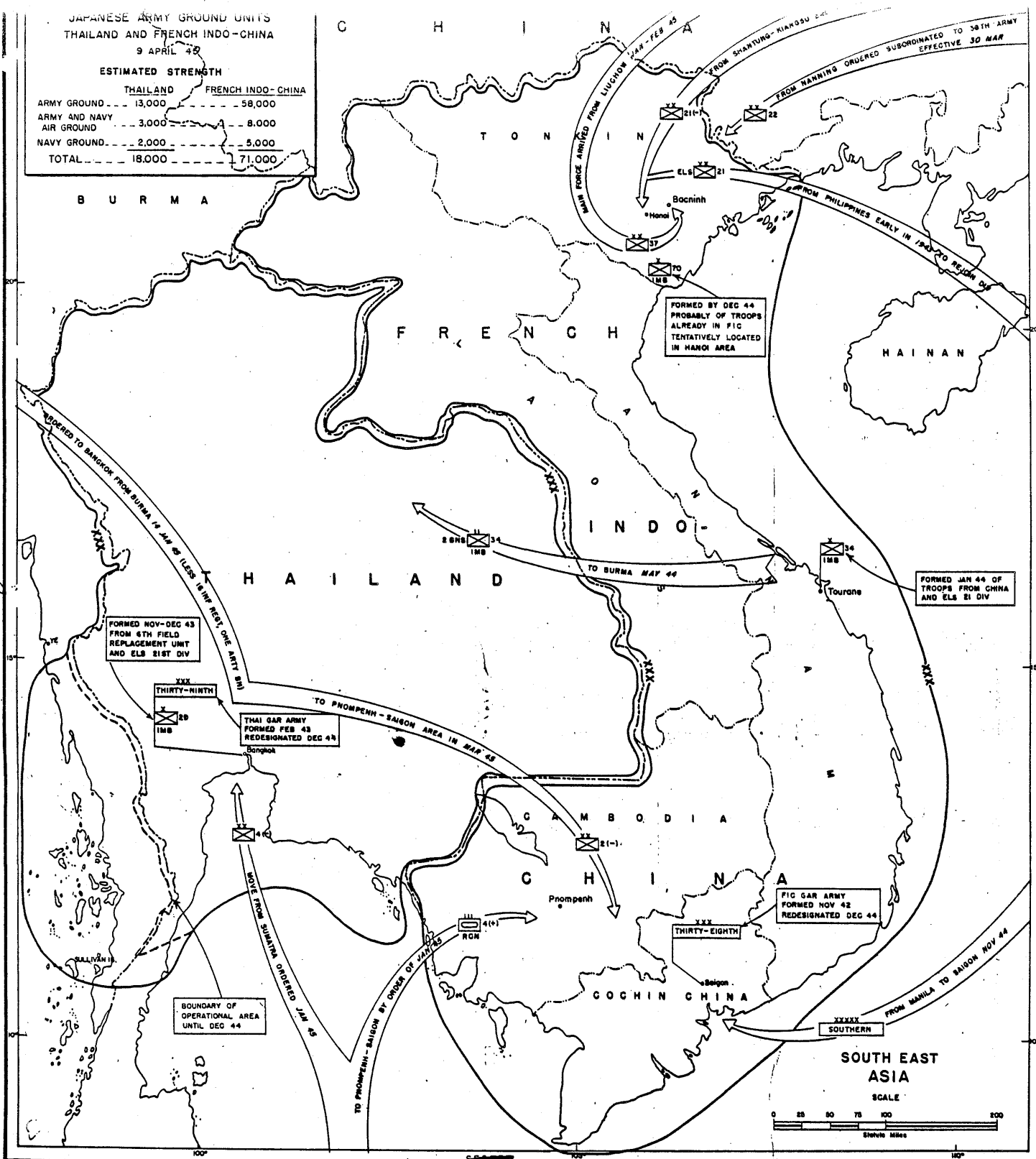
#### 5. Annexes.

The development of Japanese Order of Battle (major Army ground units) in FRENCH INDO-CHINA and THAILAND is shown on the map, Annex A. Details of the strength estimates and a list of all identified Army ground units in the two countries are set forth in Annex B.

JAPANESE ARMY GROUND UNITS  
THAILAND AND FRENCH INDO-CHINA  
9 APRIL 49

ESTIMATED STRENGTH

	THAILAND	FRENCH INDO-CHINA
ARMY GROUND	13,000	58,000
ARMY AND NAVY	3,000	8,000
AIR GROUND		
NAVY GROUND	2,000	5,000
TOTAL	18,000	71,000



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Annex B

FRENCH INDO-CHINA AND THAILAND

1. Estimated Strengths.

	<u>Army Ground</u>	<u>Army Air Ground</u>	<u>Navy Air Ground</u>	<u>Navy Ground</u>	<u>Total</u>
FRENCH INDO-CHINA					
S FRENCH INDO-CHINA	16,300	5,700	2,000	5,000	29,000
N FRENCH INDO-CHINA	<u>41,700</u>	<u>300</u>			<u>42,000</u>
Total	<u>58,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>71,000</u>
THAILAND	<u>13,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>		<u>2,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>

2. Identified Japanese Ground Units.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

S FRENCH INDO-CHINA

<u>Army Ground Units</u>	<u>Hq Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
Thirty-eighth Army	SAIGON	450
2nd Div (less 16th Inf Regt and one bn 2nd FA Regt, in Burma)	PNOMPENH	7000
34th Ind Mixed Brig (less two Ind Inf Bns in Burma)	TOURANE	2300
6th Fixed Sig Unit	SAIGON	270
2nd Southern Army Hosp ?	SAIGON	270
Saigon Br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	SAIGON	55
Pnompenh Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	PNOMPENH	45
Cap St Jacques Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	CAP ST JACQUES	45
Saigon Liaison Office, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	SAIGON	25
66th Anchorage Hq	CANRANH BAY	55
Quinhon Br, 66th Anchorage	QUINHON	25
Tourane Sub-br, 66th Anchorage	TOURANE	25

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<u>Army Ground Units (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Hq Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
68th Land Duty Co	SAIGON Area	315
2nd Br, 2nd Fld Shipping Depot	SAIGON	45
Saigon Sub-br, Southern Army Fld Ry Comd	SAIGON	25
Phnompenh Sub-br, Southern Army Fld Ry Comd	PNOMPENH	25
10th Sp Ry Comd ?	SAIGON	45
220th Fld Post Office	SAIGON	20
2nd Shipping MP Unit	SAIGON	360
		<u>11400</u>

Army Air Ground Units

8th Air Regt (part)	PNOMPENH	115
50th Air Regt	PNOMPENH	190
67th Air Regt (part)	TOURANE	95
22nd Ind Air Unit	SAIGON	40
107th Air Tng Brig	SAIGON	100
2nd Air Tng Unit	PNOMPENH	110
12th Air Tng Unit	KRAKOR	110
8th Operational Tng Unit	SAIGON	110
1st Air Sector Comd (part)	SAIGON	50
25th Air Sector Comd	SAIGON	110
81st Airfield Bn (part)	PNOMPENH	300
126th Airfield Bn	SAIGON	410
179th Airfield Bn	TOURANE	410
18th Airfield Bn	SAIGON/TOURANE	225
111th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	KRAKOR	400
143rd Fld Airfield Cons Unit	SAIGON	400
22nd Fld Air Repair Depot (part)	SAIGON	670
13th Fld Air Supply Depot (part)	SAIGON/ PNOMPENH/ THA TECH	( ( 90 (

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<u>Army Air Ground Units (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Hq Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
22nd Fld Air Supply Depot	PNOMPENH	400
2nd Air Intelligence Regt (part)	SAIGON	200
3rd Air Fixed Sig Unit (part)	SAIGON	200
34th Ground-to-Air Radio Unit	PNOMPENH	200
3rd Meteorological Regt (part)	SAIGON	230
		<u>5,165</u>

<u>Navy Air Ground Units</u>		
13th Air Gp (part)	THU DAUMOT	210
936th Air Gp (part)	CAMRANH SAIGON QUINHON TOURANE	( ( ( ( 320
Indo-China Air Gp	SAIGON	<u>1,500</u> <u>2,030</u>

<u>Navy Ground Units</u>		
11th Base Force?	SAIGON	1,500
Camranh Base Force?	CAMRANH	1,500
11 Guard Force	CAMRANH	<u>1,500</u> <u>4,500</u>

N FRENCH INDO-CHINA

<u>Army Ground Units</u>		
21st Div	HANOI	16,400
37th Div	BACNINH	10,000
70th Ind Mixed Brig	HANOI?	4,000
Haiphong Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	HAIPHONG	45 <u>30,445</u>

<u>Army Air Ground Units</u>		
5th Air Brig	HANOI	50
5th Airfield Co	HANOI and HAIPHONG	<u>225</u> <u>275</u>

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FRENCH INDO-CHINA, UNLOCATED

<u>Army Ground Units</u>	<u>Hq Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
Sub-br, 2nd Fld Repl Comd		45
62nd Ind Fld AAA Co		160
2nd Balloon Co		180
186th L/C Motor Transport Co?		160
French Indo-China Ry Br, Southern Army Fld Ry Comd		45
10th Ry Regt (less main force Materials Depot)?		2,115
21st Fld Motor Transport Depot?		385
Southern Army, 1st MP Unit		360
6th L/C Sector Unit?		1,575
		<u>5,025</u>

Army Air Ground Units

58th Air Regt (part only)	<u>170</u>
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Army Ground Units Scheduled for French Indo-China

22nd Div	<u>16,500</u>
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Elements of 4th Div:

Scheduled For

4th Recon Regt	{ SAIGON-	480
One Co 4th Engr Regt	{ PHNOM PENH	200
One plat 4th Div Wireless Unit	{ Area, from	120
One Motor Transport Co of 4th Transport Regt	{ SUMATRA	100
		<u>900</u>

Units of 2nd Fld Shipping Depot:

Units Scheduled For

Branches:

Tourane Br	TOURANE	25
Surobi Island Br	SUROBI IS.	25

Sub-Branches:

Quinhon Sub-br.	QUINHON	25
Camranh Sub-br.	CAMRANH	25
Cap St Jacques Sub-br.	CAP ST JACQUES	25
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THAILAND

<u>Army Ground Units</u>	<u>Hq Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
Thirty-ninth Army	BANGKOK	450
29th Ind Mixed Brig	BANGKOK	4460
2nd Fld Repl Comd (Branch at Singapore)	BANGKOK	90
7th Fld Repl Unit (Only Hq believed present)	CHIENGMAI	155
2nd Co, 3rd Ind Engr Regt?	KANCHANABURI	200
281st Ind Motor Transport Co	DON MUANG	160
37th Sp Motor Transport Co?	BANGKOK	45
Southern Sixteenth Army Hosp	BANGKOK	270
Bangkok Br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	BANGKOK	55
Tavoy Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	TAVOY	55
Mergui Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	MERGUI	55
4th Sp Ry Comd	KANCHANABURI	45
11th Ry Regt?	KANCHANABURI	2,250
Thailand Ry Sub-br, Southern Army Fld Ry Comd	BANGKOK	25
Nongpladuk Sub-br, Southern Army Fld Ry Comd	NONGPLADUK	25
Southern Army, 2nd MP Unit	BANGKOK	360
Thailand PW Camp	KANCHANABURI	180
		<u>8,860</u>

<u>Army Air Ground Units</u>		
8th Air Regt	TAKLI	115
1st Air Sector Comd	DON MUANG	60
75th Airfield Bn	CHIENGMAI and PITSANULOK	410
81st Airfield Bn (part)	CHIENGMAI	110
90th Airfield Bn	TAKLI	410

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<u>Army Air Ground Units (cont'd)</u>	<u>Ho Location</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
12th Airfield Co	DON MUANG	225
38th Airfield Co (part)	LAMPANG	100
85th Airfield Co	CHIENGMAI and LAMPANG	225
7th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	PHETBURI	400
1st Air Sig Regt	DON MUANG	200
2nd Advanced Tng Unit	DON MUANG	110
19th Fld Air Comd	DON MUANG	560
13 Fld Air Supply Depot (part) (Br at Bangkok)	BANPONG	120
		<u>3,045</u>

Navy Ground Units

17th Guard Force	MERGUI	<u>1,500</u>
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THAILAND UNLOCATED

Army Ground Units

63rd Ind Fld AAA Co	160
4th Sp Ry Transportation Unit	45
10th Sp Ry Transportation Unit?	45
2nd Bn, 7th Ry Regt?	400
4th Sp Ry Repair Unit	45
4th Sp Ry Engineering Affairs Unit	45
7th Sp Ry Engineering Affairs Unit	45
223rd Fld Post Office	20
	<u>805</u>

Army Air Ground Units

4th Air Sector Comd	110
87th Airfield Co	225
	<u>335</u>

Scheduled For Thailand

4th Div (less two bns of 61st Regt and one Co of 4th FA Regt, in BURMA; 37th Inf Regt and one FA Bn, SUMATRA; and 4th Ror Regt, and other elms scheduled for FRENCH INDO-CHINA).	In transit from SUMATRA, scheduled for THAILAND.	<u>11,000</u>
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Prepared by Military Intelligence Service

GROWTH AND DISPOSITION OF JAPANESE ARMY,  
1937-1 APR 45

(See Inclosures A and B)

a. Since 1936 the Japanese Army is estimated to have increased from 400,000 to more than 3,550,000 men and the number of its infantry divisions from 17 to 95. Inclosure A shows the dates of activation, conversion, de-activation and destruction of the infantry and armored divisions which had been identified prior to 1 Apr 45. Information received subsequent to the preparation of Inclosure A discloses (1) the existence of another division, the 152nd, and (2) that the 106th Div was activated about May 1938 instead of during the last quarter of 1937 and was de-activated about May 1940 and not during the first quarter of 1939.

b. Inclosure B is a series of tables which show the locations of infantry and armored divisions and separate brigades, together with a strength estimate for each area on 1 January and 1 July in each of the years 1937 through 1 Jan 45. The chart, Inclosure 1, to the Bulletin furnishes such information as of the present time. Information about the location of units during the period 1937 to 1941 is scanty and locations shown in Inclosure B may have to be revised when more complete information is available. Beginning with July 1944 the strength estimates are based principally upon a compilation of identified Japanese units in the respective areas and may be considered reasonably definite. The estimates for earlier dates are based upon analogy with the estimates for July 1944 and January 1945, since sufficient information is not available to permit a reasonably accurate estimate based upon identified units.

c. The table below summarizes the information contained in Inclosure B. Possible explanations for the expansion during various periods are noted in the Remarks.

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	<u>No. of Divs</u>	<u>No. of Brigs</u>	<u>Estimated Strength*</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1937				
1 Jan	17	5	400,000	
1 July	17	5	400,000	Outbreak of Sino-Japanese War.
1938				
1 Jan	22	5	850,000	
1 July	28	10	1,150,000	Extension of operations to S CHINA.
1939				
1 Jan	33	15	1,500,000	) Consolidation of CHINA holdings.
1 July	38	19	1,650,000	
1940				
1 Jan	41	19	1,800,000	Occupation of FRENCH INDO-CHINA.
1 July	40	24	1,900,000	
1941				
1 Jan	50	25	2,225,000	December 1941 outbreak of war with U.S. and British Empire.
1 July	50	25	2,425,000	
1942				
1 Jan	51	27	2,600,000	Conquest of Southern areas. Beginning of Allied counter-offensives.
1 July	53	21	2,800,000	
1943				
1 Jan	60	22	2,850,000	Accelerated expansion to meet growing Allied offensives.
1 July	73	16	3,000,000	
1944				
1 Jan	73	16	3,100,000	
1 July	87	55	3,400,000	
1945				
1 Jan	98	67	3,500,000	

\* The disproportionate increase in the number of divisions and the total strength in various periods is due mainly to the deduction of casualties from the estimated strength.

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	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
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Square Regimental Division

Standard Triangular Regimental Division

Strengthened Triangular Regimental Division

Regimental Combat Team-Type Division

Brigaded Battalion-Type Division

Armd Division

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Inclosure B

JAPANESE ARMY -- DIVISIONS AND BRIGADES,  
1937 - 1945

1 Jan 37

<u>AREA</u>	<u>DIVS</u>		<u>BRIGS</u>			<u>STRENGTH</u>	
	<u>Sq</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Mixed</u>	<u>Cav</u>		<u>Total</u>
JAPAN	Gds, 2-8, 10,11,14, 16	12			2,4	2	270,000
KOREA	19,20	2					45,000
FORMOSA				FORMOSA		1	5,000
MANCHURIA	1,9,12	3			1,3	2	80,000
Unlocated							
Total		<u>17</u>				<u>5</u>	<u>400,000</u>

1 July 37

<u>AREA</u>	<u>DIVS</u>		<u>BRIGS</u>			<u>STRENGTH</u>	
	<u>Sq</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Mixed</u>	<u>Cav</u>		<u>Total</u>
JAPAN	Gds, 3,5, 6,7,8,9, 10,11,14, 16	11			2,4	2	250,000
KOREA	19,20	2					45,000
FORMOSA				FORMOSA		1	5,000
MANCHURIA	1,2,4,12	4			1,3	2	100,000
Unlocated							
Total		<u>17</u>				<u>5</u>	<u>400,000</u>

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1 Jan 38

<u>AREA</u>	<u>DIVS</u>		<u>BRIGS</u>			<u>STRENGTH</u>	
	<u>Sq</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Mixed</u>	<u>Cav</u>		<u>Total</u>
JAPAN	Gds, 7, 8	3			2	1	290,000
KOREA	19	1					25,000
FORMOSA							
MANCHURIA	4, 12	2			1, 3	2	70,000
N CHINA	1, 2, 5, 10, 14, 20	6					170,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 101?	8	FORMOSA	4		2	255,000
Unlocated	109, 114 (all probably in China)	2					40,000
Total		<u>22</u>				<u>5</u>	<u>850,000</u>

1 July 38

<u>AREA</u>	<u>DIVS</u>			<u>BRIGS</u>			<u>STRENGTH</u>
	<u>Sq</u>	<u>Tri</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ind Mixed</u>	<u>Cav</u>	<u>Total</u>	
JAPAN	Gds, 8, 11		3		2	1	280,000
KOREA	19		1				25,000
FORMOSA							
MANCHURIA	1, 2, 4, 7, 12		5		1, 3	2	250,000
N CHINA	5, 10, 14, 20		4	2, 3, 4, 5, 6		5	170,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 6, 9, 13, 16, 18, 101?, 106, 116	15	10	FORMOSA	4	2	325,000
Unlocated	103, 105, 108, 109, 114 (all probably in China)		5				100,000
Total			<u>26</u>			<u>10</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>

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1 Jan 39

AREA	DIVS			BRIGS			STRENGTH
	Sq	Tri	Total	Ind Mixed	Cav	Total	
JAPAN	Gds, 8		2		2	1	380,000
KOREA	19		1				50,000
FORMOSA							
MANCHURIA	1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 12		6		1, 3	2	300,000
N CHINA	14, 20, 110	21	4	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10		9	210,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 16, 101?, 106, 116	15, 17, 22	12	11	4	2	360,000
S CHINA	5, 18, 104		3	FORMOSA		1	100,000
Unlocated	103, 105, 108, 109, 114 (all probably in China)		5				100,000
Total			<u>33</u>			<u>15</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>

AREA	DIVS			BRIGS			STRENGTH
	Sq	Tri	Total	Ind Mixed	Cav	Total	
JAPAN	Gds		1		2	1	320,000
KOREA	19		1				50,000
FORMOSA							
MANCHURIA	1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 12		6		1, 3	2	350,000
N CHINA	8, 10, 14, 20, 110	21, 32, 35, 38, 37	10	1-10		10	350,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 6, 9, 13, 16, 101?, 106, 116	15, 17, 22, 33, 34	13	11-14	4	5	400,000
S CHINA	5, 18, 104		3	FORMOSA		1	100,000
Unlocated	105, 108, 109, 114 (all probably in China)		4				80,000
Total			<u>38</u>			<u>19</u>	<u>1,650,000</u>

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1 Jan 40

AREA	DIVS			BRIGS			STRENGTH
	Sq	Tri	Total	Ind Mixed	Cav	Total	
JAPAN	Gds, 9		2		2	1	340,000
KOREA	19, 20		2				75,000
FORMOSA				FORMOSA		1	20,000
MANCHURIA	1, 2, 4, 7, 12, 16?	11, 23, 24	9		3	1	430,000
N CHINA	10, 14, 110	8, 21, 26, 27, 32, 35, 36, 37, 41	12	1-10	1	11	420,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 6, 13, 106, 116	15, 17, 22, 33, 34, 40	12	11-14	4	5	390,000
S CHINA	5, 18, 104	38	4				125,000
Unlocated							
Total			<u>41</u>			<u>19</u>	<u>1,800,000</u>

1 July 40

AREA	DIVS			BRIGS			STRENGTH
	Sq	Tri	Total	Ind Mixed	Cav	Total	
JAPAN	Gds, 9, 10, 14		4				415,000
KOREA	19, 20		2				90,000
FORMOSA				FORMOSA		1	20,000
MANCHURIA	1, 2, 4, 7, 12, 16?	11, 23, 24	9		3	1	450,000
N CHINA	110	8, 21, 26, 27, 32, 35, 36, 37, 41	10	1-10, 15, 16	1	13	390,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 6, 13, 116	15, 17, 22, 33, 34, 39, 40	11	11-14, 17, 18, 20	4	8	400,000
S CHINA	5, 18, 104	38	4	19?		1	135,000
Unlocated							
Total			<u>40</u>			<u>24</u>	<u>1,900,000</u>

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1 Jan 41

AREA	DIVS			BRIGS			STRENGTH
	Sq	Tri	Total	Ind Mixed	Cav	Total	
JAPAN		2, 51-57	8	Gds, Kara-futo		2	490,000
KOREA	19, 20		2				100,000
FORMOSA		48	1				35,000
MANCHURIA	14	1, 7, 9, 11, 12, 23, 24, 25, 28	10		3	1	520,000
N CHINA	110	8, 21, 26, 27, 32, 35, 36, 37, 41	10	1-10, 15, 16	1	13	420,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 4, 13, 116	6, 10?, 15, 17, 22, 33, 34, 39, 40	13	11-14, 17, 18, 20	4	8	475,000
S CHINA	18, 104	38	3	19?		1	120,000
FIC	5?		1				25,000
Unlocated	16	Gds	2				40,000
Total			50			25	2,225,000

1 July 41

AREA	DIVS			BRIGS			STRENGTH
	Sq	Tri	Total	Ind Mixed	Cav	Total	
JAPAN		2, 7, 51-57	9	Gds, Kara-futo		2	615,000
KOREA	19, 20		2				120,000
FORMOSA		48	1				35,000
MANCHURIA	14	1, 9, 11, 12, 23, 24, 25, 28	9		3	1	570,000
N CHINA	110	8, 21, 26, 27, 32, 35, 36, 37, 41	10	1-10, 15, 16	1, 4	14	440,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 4, 13, 116	5, 6, 10?, 15, 17, 22, 33, 34, 39, 40	14	11-14, 17, 18, 20		7	475,000
S CHINA	Gds, 18	38, 104	4	19?		1	130,000
FIC				21		1	15,000
Unlocated	1.6		1				25,000
Total			50			26	2,425,000

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1 Jan 42

AREA	DIVS			BRIGS			STRENGTH
	<u>Sq</u>	<u>Tri</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ind</u> <u>Mixed</u>	<u>Cav</u>	<u>Total</u>	
JAPAN		2,7,52, 53,54	5	Gds, KARAFUTO		2	625,000
KOREA	19, 20		2				135,000
FORMOSA							20,000
MANCHURIA		1,9,107, 11,12,14, 23,24,25, 28,29,57	12		3	1	640,000
N CHINA	110	8,21,26, 27,32,35, 36,37,41	10	1-10, 15,16	1,4	14	440,000
CENTRAL CHINA	13, 116	3,4,6, 15,17,22, 34,39,40	11	11-14, 17,18, 20		7	430,000
S CHINA		38,51, 104	3	19		1	100,000
FIC		55	1	21		1	35,000
THAILAND		33	1				30,000
MALAYA	5,18	Gds	3				75,000
PHILLIPPINES		16,48, 56	3	65		1	70,000
Unlocated							
Total			<u>51</u>			<u>27</u>	<u>2,600,000</u>

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AREA	DIVS			BRIGS			STRENGTH
	Sq	Tri	Brig Total	Ind Mixed	Cav	Total	
JAPAN		7,52, 53,54	4	Gds, Karafuto		2	630,000
KOREA	19,20		2				135,000
FORMOSA							20,000
MANCHURIA		1,8,9, 10,11, 12,14, 23,24, 25,28, 29,57, 71	14		3	1	710,000
N CHINA		26,27, 32,35, 36,37, 41,110	59,69 10	1-9, 15	1,4	12	420,000
CENTRAL CHINA	13, 116	3,6,15, 17,22, 34,39, 40	58,60, 14 68,70	12,13, 17		3	420,000
S CHINA		51,104	2	19		1	85,000
FIC		21	1	21		1	35,000
THAILAND							15,000
BURMA	18	33,55,56	4				90,000
MALAYA	5		1				40,000
SUMATRA		Gds	1				40,000
JAVA		2,38,48	3				55,000
BORNEO							5,000
PHILIPPINES		4,16	2	65		1	55,000
CELEBES							5,000
LESSER SUNDAS							5,000
E NEW GUINEA							5,000
NW NEW GUINEA							5,000
BISMARCKS							10,000
SOLOMONS							5,000
CENT PAC							5,000
ALEUTIANS							10,000
Total			58			21	2,800,000

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1 Jan 43

AREA	DIVS					BRIGS			STRENGTH
	So	Tri	Brig	Armd	Total	Ind Mixed	Cav	Total	
JAPAN		4,7, 52,53, 54			5	Gds, Kara- futo	2		660,000
KOREA	19,20				2				135,000
FORMOSA									20,000
MANCHURIA		1,8,9, 10,11, 12,14, 23,24, 25,28, 29,57, 71	1,2		16		3	1	740,000
N CHINA		26,27 32,35, 36,37, 41,110	59,69		10	1-9, 15	1,4	12	410,000
CENTRAL CHINA	13, 116	3,15, 17,22, 34,39, 40	58,60, 68,70		13	12,13, 17		3	400,000
S CHINA		104			1	19,22		2	75,000
FIC		21			1				35,000
THAILAND									15,000
BURMA	18	33,55, 56			4				100,000
MALAYA									20,000
SUMATRA		Gds			1				45,000
JAVA									5,000
BORNEO									5,000
PHILIPPINES		16			1				40,000
CELEBES- SUNDAS- TIMOR	5	48			2				45,000
E NEW GUINEA		(38)				21		1	10,000
NW NEW GUINEA									5,000
BISMARCKS		(38),51			2	65		1	30,000
SOLOMONS		2,6,(38)			2				40,000
CENT PAC									5,000
ALEUTIANS									10,000
Total					60			22	2,850,000

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AREA	DIVS				BRIGS			STRENGTH
	Tri	Brig	Armd	Total	Ind Mixed	Cav	Total	
JAPAN	1 Gds, 4, 7, 42, 43, 46, 47, 52, 53			9	Kara- futo		1	720,000
KOREA	19, 30			2				135,000
FORMOSA								20,000
MANCHURIA	1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 57, 71		1, 2	16		3	1	750,000
N CHINA	26, 27, 32, 35, 36, 37, 110	59, 62, 63, 69	3	12	1-3, 5, 7- 9	4	8	390,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 13, 15, 17, 22, 34, 39, 40, 61, 116	58, 60, 64, 65, 68, 70		16	17		1	410,000
S CHINA	104			1	19, 22, 23		3	85,000
FIC	21			1				35,000
THAILAND								15,000
BURMA	18, 31, 33, 55, 56			5				125,000
MALAYA								20,000
SUMATRA	2 Gds			1				50,000
JAVA	54?			1				20,000
BORNEO								5,000
PHILIPPINES	27, 16			2				40,000
CELEBES- SUNDAS- TIMOR	5, 48			2				45,000
E NEW GUINEA	20, 41, 51			3				60,000
NW NEW GUINEA								5,000
BISMARCKS	(38)				21, 65		2	25,000
SOLOMONS	6, (38)			2				25,000
CENT PAC								15,000
ALEUTIANS								5,000
Total				73			16	3,000,000

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AREA	DIVS			BRIGS			STRENGTH
	Tri	Brig	Armd Total	Ind Mixed	Am- phib- ious	Cav Total	
JAPAN	1 Gds, 7, 42, 43, 47, 53		6				660,000
KURILES							10,000
KARAFUTO				Kara- futo		1	15,000
KOREA	19, 30		2				140,000
FORMOSA							20,000
RYUKYUS							5,000
BONINS							5,000
MANCHURIA	1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 57, 71	1, 2	16			3 1	720,000
N CHINA	26, 27, 32, 35, 37, 110	59, 62, 3 63, 69	11	1-3, 5, 7-9	4	8	435,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 13, 22, 34, 39, 40, 61, 116	58, 60, 64, 65, 68, 70	14	17		1	380,000
S CHINA	104		1	19, 22, 23		3	85,000
FIG	21		1				35,000
THAILAND							15,000
BURMA	15, 18, 31, 33, 55, 56		6				120,000
MALAYA	2, 54?		2				50,000
SUMATRA	2 Gds, 4		2				60,000
JAVA							20,000
BORNEO							10,000
PHILIPPINES	16		1				40,000
LESSER SUNDAS	5, 46, 48		3				65,000
NW NEW GUINEA	36		1				20,000
E NEW GUINEA	20, 41, 51		3				40,000
BISMARCKS	17, 38		2	65		1	60,000
SOLOMONS	6		1				20,000
MANDATES	52		1		1	1	30,000
Total			73			16	3,100,000

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AREA	DIVS				BRIGS					STRENGTH
	Tri	Brig	Armd	Total	Ind Mixed	Ind Inf	Am- phib- ious	Cav	Total	
JAPAN	1 Gds, 3 Gds, 7,44,47,72, 77,81,86			9						577,000
KURILES	42	91		2	43		3,4		3	80,000
KARAFUTO					Karafuto				1	18,000
MANCHU	19			1						120,000
PUSHOSI	50			1	48				1	35,000
YUKAI					44,45				2	10,000
BOHANS		109		1						15,000
MANCHURIA	1,8,9,10, 11,12,23, 24,25,28, 57,71		1,2	14				3	1	680,000
E CHINA	26,110	59,62, 63,69	3	7	1-3, 5,7-9	1-4,9, 10,14		4	15	360,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3,13,27, 34,37,39, 40,61,116	58,60,64, 65,68,70		15	17	5-7, 11,12			6	430,000
S CHINA	22,104			2	19,22, 23	8,13			6	110,000
FEI	21			1	34				1	35,000
SELIAND					29				1	13,000
SIEMA	2,15,18, 31,33,53-56			9	24				1	190,000
NUJATA					35-37				3	55,000
SEMAPI	2 Gds,4			2	25,26				2	70,000
JAYA					27,28				2	27,000
BOHNEO										15,000
PHILIPPINES	16,30	100,102, 103,105		6						130,000
CELEBES, LESSER SUNDAS	5,46,48			3						71,000
NY NEW GUINEA	32,35,36			3			2		1	40,000
E NEW GUINEA	20,41,51			3						30,000
RISMARCKS	17,38			2	65				1	60,000
SELOMONS	6			1						19,000
MUNDATES	14,29,43, 52			4	47-53		1		8	110,000
UNLOCATED					68				1	
IN TRANSIT	49			1						
TOTAL				87					55	3,400,000

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AREA	DIVS			BRIGS					STRENGTH
	Tri	Brig	Armd	Total	Ind Mixed	Ind Inf	Am-phibious	Cav	Total
JAPAN	1 Gds, 3 Gds, 7,44,72,73, 77,81,84,86, 93			11					715,000
KURILES	42	91		2	43,69		3,4	4	80,000
KARAFUTO					Karafuto			1	19,000
KOREA									100,000
FORMOSA	50,66			2					90,000
RYUKIUS	9,24,28	62		4	44,45,59, 60,64			5	90,000
BONINIS		109		1					25,000
MANCHURIA	11,12,25, 57,71,107, 108,111, 112,119, 120		1,4	13				3	640,000
E CHINA	110	59,63,69, 114,115, 117,118	3	9	1-3,5, 8,9,66	1,2, 9,10, 14		4	340,000
CENTRAL CHINA	3,13,27, 34,37,39, 40,47,61, 116	58,60,64, 65,68,70		15	17,62	5-7, 11,12		7	430,000
S CHINA	22,104			2	19,22, 23	8,13		5	110,000
FIC	21			1	34,70			2	35,000
THAILAND					29			1	13,000
BUERMA	2,15,18,31, 33,49,53-56			10	24,72			2	160,000
MALAYA	94			1	35-37			3	55,000
SUMATRA	2 Gds, 4			2	25,26			2	70,000
JAVA					27,28			2	27,000
BORNEO					56,71			2	20,000
PHILIPPINES	8,10,19, 23,30	100,102, 103,105	2	10	54,55,58, 61,68			5	205,000
CELEBES,									
LESSER SUNDAS	5,46,48			3	57			1	71,000
W NEW GUINEA	32,35,36			3			2	1	40,000
E NEW GUINEA	30,41,51			3					25,000
BISMARCKS	17,38			2	39,40,65			3	58,000
SOLOMONS	6			1	38			1	17,000
MARSHALS	14,52			2	49-53	1		6	65,000
Total				98				67	3,500,000

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The following is the weekly list of minor units identified or located on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL. (All dates are 1944.)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
53rd, 54th Ind Fld AAA Cos	SHANGHAI Area (E CHINA)	September
Twenty-third Army Sig Unit	CANTON	August
235th Ind Motor Transport Co	LAEAT (SUMATRA)	September
333rd, 334th, 335th Ind Motor Transport Cos	BURMA	December
14th Fld Transport Comd	BURMA	December
2nd Heijo Mil Hosp	HEIJO (KOREA)	September
120th Ry Sta	HONGPLADUK (THAILAND)	December
4th Br, 3rd Fld Shipping Depot	MAOEMERE (FLORES IS)	November
5th Br, 3rd Fld Shipping Depot	PAREPARE (CELEBES)	December
1st Br, 6th Fld Shipping Depot	HANKOW	December
98th L/C Sector Unit	Unlocated	September

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Order of Battle Bulletin No. 59  
Japanese Ground Forces  
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A. SUMMARY.

1. JAPAN--Identification of First and Second General Armies and Fifty-fifth Army. (B.1.b.) Movement of 86th Div. Planned April troop movements to Japan. (B.1.c.)
2. RYUKYUS--Location of 24th and 62nd Divs and 44th and 45th Ind Mixed Brigs. (B.3.a.)
3. FORMOSA--76th Ind Mixed Brig identified. (B.3.b.)
4. MANCHURIA--Movement of 11th and 57th Divs and possible movement of 111th Div. Location of 4th Armd Div, 108th Div and 9th Ind Gar Unit. (B.7.c.)
5. CENTRAL and S CHINA--Subordination of 22nd Ind Mixed Brig. (B.8.a.)
6. MALAYA-ANDAMANS--18th Ind Gar Unit dropped. (B.9.a.)
7. CENTRAL and S PHILIPPINES--Movement of Thirty-fifth Army Hq. (B.9.c.)
8. Identification of 103rd and 108th Ind Mixed Brigs. (B.1.b.)
9. Increase in estimated total strength of identified Japanese Army ground units. (C.1.)
10. Study of Japanese Army and Navy Suicide Boat Organizations. (C.2.)
11. Review of Order of Battle in MANCHURIA and KOREA. (Inclosure No. 3.)

B. IDENTIFICATIONS, STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS.

1. JAPAN (less HOKKAIDO).

a. Strength estimate: 1,150,000, decreased from 1,166,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is reduced to 295,000 from 311,000 by reassessment.

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b. New identifications (See Inclosure 2):

(1) The formation of two General Army (A556/ commands to control ground defenses of the Japanese home- 0134) land was reported last week (Bulletin 52). One of these has now been identified as the Second General Army\* with Hq at HIROSHIMA, and, on the basis of this identification, the other command is picked up tentatively as the First General Army. Hq location of the latter is not known, but it is probably in N HONSHU. The new Armies are believed to be roughly equivalent to the U.S. or British Army Groups. There is no information as to the jurisdictional areas of the two Armies, but it is considered likely that the Second General Army controls the Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Area Armies (Hqs NAGOYA?, OSAKA and FUKUOKA, respectively), and that the First General Army controls the Fifth, Eleventh and Twelfth Area Armies (Hqs SAPPORO, SENDAI? and TOKYO, respectively).

(2) The Fifty-fifth Army has been identified and is added to Order of Battle. The Hq is tentatively located at KOCHI, S SHIKOKU, and it is believed that the Army is subordinate to the Fifteenth Area Army. (A556/ 013e, J47128)

(3) The 103rd and 108th Ind Mixed Brigs have been tentatively identified but their locations are uncertain. There are indications that the 103rd was at OKAYAMA, JAPAN, in March 1945, and that the 108th was involved in a move between JAPAN and KOREA in April 1945. (J47094, A522/ Pending receipt of further information both Brigades will 135) be carried unlocated.

c. New locations and movements:

(1) There is evidence that the Japanese are planning to move between 30,000 and 60,000 troops to JAPAN from MANCHURIA and/or KOREA during April. Those troops will disembark in Central and S HONSHU and KYUSHU, and it is believed that they will remain in those areas. The 57th Div is now en route from MANCHURIA (see par (2) (J47563, below), and the 11th Div, now carried in transit (see R2217) par 7.c. below), may also be involved in that movement. Some evidence suggests that the 11th Div may be moving, but pending receipt of further information the Division will continue to be carried in MANCHURIA.

(2) The 57th Div is moving to JAPAN (J47563, from its old location at SHANSHENFU, MANCHURIA. Elements R2217) are believed to have arrived in KYUSHU, but the Division will be carried in transit pending receipt of further information.

\*The new commands are designated by the Japanese term "gun." The translation "General Army" has been adopted tentatively.

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(3) Captured documents indicate that the 86th Div has moved S from the Kurume Divisional District to S KYUSHU. The Division is being carried tentatively in S KYUSHU with elements possibly at MIYAKONOJO.

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2. FIFTH AREA ARMY.

No changes.

3. TENTH AREA ARMY.

a. RYUKYUS.

(1) Strength estimate: 129,000, reduced from 133,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 104,000 from 108,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: ~~(ALL SECRET)~~

(a) Combat identifications confirm the presence on OKINAWA of substantial elements of the 24th and 62nd Divs, and the 44th Ind Mixed Brig.

(b) The location of Hq of the 45th Ind Mixed Brig on ISHIGAKI need no longer be considered tentative (see Bulletin 54).

b. FORMOSA.

(1) Strength estimate: 170,000, increased from 167,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is increased to 34,000 from 31,000 by reassessment.

(2) New identifications: The 76th Ind Mixed Brig has been identified. There is some evidence (J46683) that the Brigade is in the FORMOSA area and it is tentatively picked up there. No strength change is involved since the Brigade, if there, is probably one of the two unidentified independent mixed brigades previously picked up in FORMOSA and the PESCADORES respectively (see Bulletin 55).

(3) No other changes.

4. SEVENTEENTH AREA ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: unchanged.

b. New identifications: none.

c. New locations and movements: The location of the 101st Mixed Regt in KOREA need no longer be considered tentative.

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5. OGASAWARA FORCE.

No changes.

6. MANDATES.

No changes.

7. KWANTUNG ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: 609,000, reduced from 639,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 579,000 from 608,000 to reflect the movement of the 11th and 57th Divs (see par c. below).

b. New identifications: none.

c. New locations and movements:

(1) There is evidence indicating that (A555, the 11th Div, formerly carried at HULIN, MANCHURIA, is J46665) moving to, or through, KOREA. Since its destination is not known, the Division, with a strength of 14,500, will be carried in transit pending receipt of further information (see par 1.b. above).

(2) For the movement of the 57th Div to JAPAN and the possible movement of the 11th Div, see par 1.a. above.

(3) The previously reported tentative location of the 4th Arm'd Div at SSUPINGKAI has been confirmed.

(4) The previously reported tentative (ATIS-B- location of the 108th Div in MANCHURIA has been confirmed. 1838) The Division is possibly in the JEHOI area.

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(5) The 9th Ind Gar Unit has moved W from MUKDEN to the JEHOI area.

8. CHINA EXPEDITIONARY ARMY.

CENTRAL and S CHINA.

a. General: The 22nd Ind Mixed Brig has been carried in the KWEIPING area, subordinate to the Twenty-third Army (Hq CANTON). New evidence shows that the Brigade is now subordinate to the Eleventh Army (Hq LIUCHOW). (TIN 33)

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b. No other changes.

9. SOUTHERN ARMY.

a. MALAYA-ANDAMANS.

(1) General: The previously reported (J46280) possibility that the 18th Ind Gar Unit was absorbed in

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the formation of the 94th Div (Bulletin 44) has been confirmed, and the 18th Ind Gar Unit is dropped from Order of Battle.

(2) No other changes.

b. BORNEO.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The movement of the Hq of the 56th Ind Mixed Brig from API (TIN 33) to TAWAU (175 m. SE of API) was reported in Bulletin 50. There are indications that this Hq has now moved from TAWAU to an undisclosed location. Pending receipt of further information, the Brigade Hq is carried unlocated in N BORNEO.

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c. LUZON.

(1) Strength estimate: 67,000, reduced from 72,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 58,000 from 61,000 and Army and Navy Air ground strength to 6,000 from 8,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) No other changes.

d. CENTRAL and S PHILIPPINES.

(1) Strength estimate: 58,000, reduced from 63,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 32,000 from 35,000, Army and Navy Air ground strength to 19,000 from 20,000, and Navy ground strength to 7,000 from 8,000, to reflect reported casualties.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: Thirty-fifth Army Hq has moved from CEBU to IMPALUTAO (CENTRAL MINDANAO) where an advance Hq had previously been established (Bulletin 55). Some elements of the Army Hq remain on CEBU IS. (TIN 34)

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e. LESSER SUNDAS, BANDA SEA, DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

(1) General: Heretofore the strength of Japanese forces in DUTCH NEW GUINEA has been carried separately on the Chart, Inclosure No. 1, and the strengths in the LESSER SUNDAS and the BANDA SEA area have been combined. As a result of recent organizational changes (see Bulletin 54) the Second Army (Hq in the KOKAS area) now controls Japanese forces in DUTCH NEW GUINEA and the BANDA SEA area while the LESSER SUNDAS are under the 48th Div, directly subordinate to the Second Area Army (Hq PINRANG). Accordingly, in order to bring the Chart into

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conformance with the actual operational areas of the respective commands, a strength estimate has been made for the DUTCH NEW GUINEA-RANDA SEA area (62,000), and a separate estimate for the LESSER SUNDAS (35,000). The total strength of 97,000 represents no change from that previously carried.

(2) No other changes.

10. EIGHTH AREA ARMY.

No changes.

C. SPECIAL ARTICLES.

1. ESTIMATED TOTAL STRENGTH OF IDENTIFIED JAPANESE ARMY GROUND UNITS.

a. A study of information available to 1 Apr 45 has resulted in an estimate of 3,702,000 as the total strength of identified Japanese Army ground units. This is an increase of 144,000 from the estimate of 3,558,000 based on information available to 1 Feb 45 (Bulletin 50). The increase results primarily from new identifications which are only partly offset by dropping other units.

b. Inclosure No. 4 sets forth the details leading to the new estimate and is a recapitulation of the identified units carried in Order of Battle as of 1 Apr 45, together with the strength for each type of unit.

2. JAPANESE ARMY AND NAVY SUICIDE BOAT ORGANIZATIONS.

Inclosure No. 5 is a study of the organization and operation of Japanese Army and Navy Suicide Boat Organizations. The study includes a list of identified units together with their locations where known.

D. CODE NAMES AND NUMBERS.

The following is the weekly list of code names and numbers:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Classification</u>
71st Ind Mixed Brig	Kanto (CTC 2413, 2435)	11000	<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>
338th Ind Inf Bn		11001	<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>
538th Ind Inf Bn		11002	<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>
540th Ind Inf Bn		11003	<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>
541st Ind Inf Bn		11004	<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>
71st Ind Mixed Brig Arty Unit		11005	<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Classification</u>
71st Ind Mixed Brig (Continued)			
71st Ind Mixed Brig Engr Unit		11006	<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>
71st Ind Mixed Brig Sig Unit		11007	<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>
72nd Ind Mixed Brig	Kantetsu/ Kanto (CTC 6306,1796)	12111	<del>TOP SECRET</del>
542nd Ind Inf Bn		12213	<del>TOP SECRET</del>
543rd Ind Inf Bn		12214	<del>TOP SECRET</del>
72nd Ind Mixed Brig Arty Unit		12215	<del>TOP SECRET</del>
72nd Ind Mixed Brig Engr Unit		12216	<del>TOP SECRET</del>

E. SUPPLEMENTS.

1. Chart showing dispositions and strengths of Japanese Army ground forces--Inclosure No. 1.
2. Map showing estimated dispositions of major Army ground units and estimated strength in JAPAN--Inclosure No. 2.
3. Review of Order of Battle in MANCHURIA and KOREA--Inclosure No. 3.
4. List showing estimated strengths of identified units of Japanese Army ground forces--Inclosure No. 4.
5. Study of Japanese Army and Navy Suicide Boat Organizations--Inclosure No. 5.
6. List of minor units identified or located on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL--Inclosure No. 6.

F. IMPORTANT LATE DEVELOPMENT.

The Forty-first Army, organized on 29 Mar 45, has been identified E of MANILA and is believed to be in command of all Japanese forces there. Its CG was last identified as CG of the 8th Div. The appropriate change will be made on next week's Chart, Inclosure No. 1. (CX14322)

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 † Includes Mortar, whose strength is in Mortar column  
 ‡ Includes Infantry Regiment:  
 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212th, 213th, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st, 312nd, 313th, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd, 323rd, 324th, 325th, 326th, 327th, 328th, 329th, 330th, 331st, 332nd, 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th, 338th, 339th, 340th, 341st, 342nd, 343rd, 344th, 345th, 346th, 347th, 348th, 349th, 350th, 351st, 352nd, 353rd, 354th, 355th, 356th, 357th, 358th, 359th, 360th, 361st, 362nd, 363rd, 364th, 365th, 366th, 367th, 368th, 369th, 370th, 371st, 372nd, 373rd, 374th, 375th, 376th, 377th, 378th, 379th, 380th, 381st, 382nd, 383rd, 384th, 385th, 386th, 387th, 388th, 389th, 390th, 391st, 392nd, 393rd, 394th, 395th, 396th, 397th, 398th, 399th, 400th, 401st, 402nd, 403rd, 404th, 405th, 406th, 407th, 408th, 409th, 410th, 411st, 412nd, 413th, 414th, 415th, 416th, 417th, 418th, 419th, 420th, 421st, 422nd, 423rd, 424th, 425th, 426th, 427th, 428th, 429th, 430th, 431st, 432nd, 433rd, 434th, 435th, 436th, 437th, 438th, 439th, 440th, 441st, 442nd, 443rd, 444th, 445th, 446th, 447th, 448th, 449th, 450th, 451st, 452nd, 453rd, 454th, 455th, 456th, 457th, 458th, 459th, 460th, 461st, 462nd, 463rd, 464th, 465th, 466th, 467th, 468th, 469th, 470th, 471st, 472nd, 473rd, 474th, 475th, 476th, 477th, 478th, 479th, 480th, 481st, 482nd, 483rd, 484th, 485th, 486th, 487th, 488th, 489th, 490th, 491st, 492nd, 493rd, 494th, 495th, 496th, 497th, 498th, 499th, 500th, 501st, 502nd, 503rd, 504th, 505th, 506th, 507th, 508th, 509th, 510th, 511st, 512nd, 513th, 514th, 515th, 516th, 517th, 518th, 519th, 520th, 521st, 522nd, 523rd, 524th, 525th, 526th, 527th, 528th, 529th, 530th, 531st, 532nd, 533rd, 534th, 535th, 536th, 537th, 538th, 539th, 540th, 541st, 542nd, 543rd, 544th, 545th, 546th, 547th, 548th, 549th, 550th, 551st, 552nd, 553rd, 554th, 555th, 556th, 557th, 558th, 559th, 560th, 561st, 562nd, 563rd, 564th, 565th, 566th, 567th, 568th, 569th, 570th, 571st, 572nd, 573rd, 574th, 575th, 576th, 577th, 578th, 579th, 580th, 581st, 582nd, 583rd, 584th, 585th, 586th, 587th, 588th, 589th, 590th, 591st, 592nd, 593rd, 594th, 595th, 596th, 597th, 598th, 599th, 600th, 601st, 602nd, 603rd, 604th, 605th, 606th, 607th, 608th, 609th, 610th, 611st, 612nd, 613th, 614th, 615th, 616th, 617th, 618th, 619th, 620th, 621st, 622nd, 623rd, 624th, 625th, 626th, 627th, 628th, 629th, 630th, 631st, 632nd, 633rd, 634th, 635th, 636th, 637th, 638th, 639th, 640th, 641st, 642nd, 643rd, 644th, 645th, 646th, 647th, 648th, 649th, 650th, 651st, 652nd, 653rd, 654th, 655th, 656th, 657th, 658th, 659th, 660th, 661st, 662nd, 663rd, 664th, 665th, 666th, 667th, 668th, 669th, 670th, 671st, 672nd, 673rd, 674th, 675th, 676th, 677th, 678th, 679th, 680th, 681st, 682nd, 683rd, 684th, 685th, 686th, 687th, 688th, 689th, 690th,

**JAPAN**  
ESTIMATED DISPOSITION  
OF MAJOR GROUND UNITS  
(2 GENERAL ARMIES, 6 AREA ARMIES, 3  
ARMIES, 11 DIVISIONS, 14 DEPOT DIVISIONS)

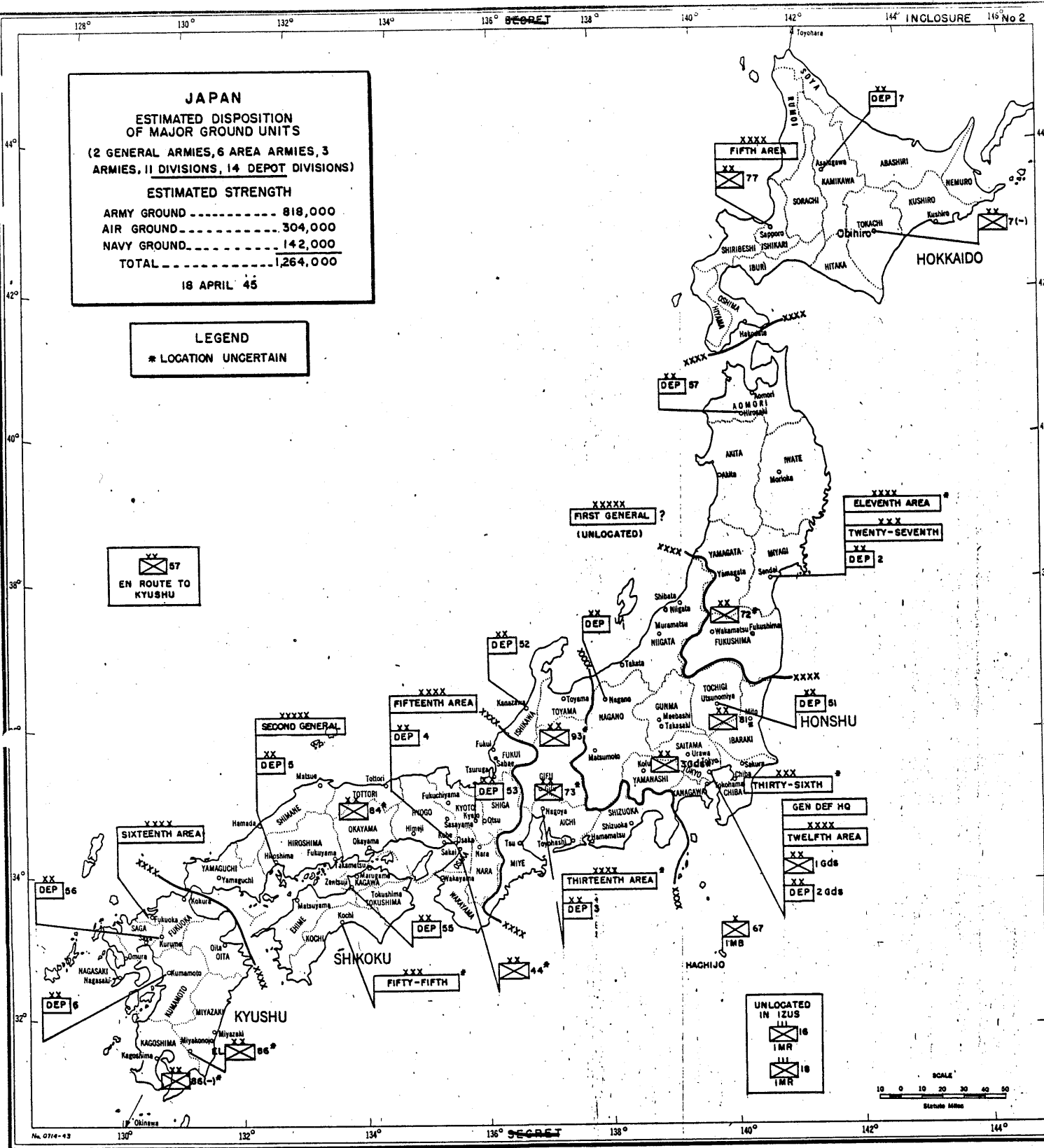
**ESTIMATED STRENGTH**  
ARMY GROUND ..... 818,000  
AIR GROUND ..... 304,000  
NAVY GROUND ..... 142,000  
TOTAL ..... 1,264,000

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MANCHURIA AND KOREA - ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW.  
(See maps - Annexes A, B and C)

1. General. Since 1 Jan 44 the Japanese have reacted to successive Allied advances in the PACIFIC by withdrawing approximately 360,000 men from MANCHURIA and KOREA for reinforcement of other areas. The units involved in the movement include one army, 17 divisions and various smaller units. The withdrawals of the units in relation to Allied advances are shown on the map, Annex A, and are summarized in the following table:

Period	Allied Action	Withdrawals From MANCHURIA And KOREA
February - May 1944	Invasion of MARSHALLS	One div to MARIANAS One div to PALAU One div to PHILIPPINES
June - August 1944	Invasion of MARIANAS, breaking of IMPHAL offensive, and drive on BURMA ROAD	Three divs to RYUKYUS Two divs to PHILIPPINES One div to BURMA
September 1944 - February 1945	Invasion of PALAU and PHILIPPINES	Three divs to PHILIPPINES Three divs to FORMOSA one army to CHINA
March - April 1945	Invasion of RYUKYUS	Two divs in transit

During the period in which the 17 divisions were withdrawn, 11, and probably 12, new divisions were formed in MANCHURIA and have remained there. Since January 1944, estimated strength in KOREA has increased by 37,000 but has decreased in MANCHURIA by 111,000, resulting in a net decrease of 74,000 for the area.

2. MANCHURIA.

a. Order of Battle--January 1944. Estimated Japanese ground strength in MANCHURIA was 720,000 in January 1944 and the major units under the control of the Kwantung Army were:

Two area armies	Four tank regiments
Six armies	13 border garrisons
14 infantry divisions	Seven independent garrisons
Two armored divisions	One named garrison
One cavalry brigade	One fortress
One independent mixed regiment	

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b. Withdrawal of Troops (See Annex A): It is estimated that approximately 310,000 troops have been withdrawn from MANCHURIA since January 1944, including the following units of regimental size or larger:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION IN MANCHURIA</u>	<u>DATE OF WITHDRAWAL</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
Twentieth Army	CHIHSI	By Dec 1944	CHINA
1st Div	SUNWU	Aug 1944	PHILIPPINES
8th Div	HSISUI (SUIYANG)	Aug 1944	PHILIPPINES
9th Div	YEHO	July 1944	RYUKYUS
10th Div	CHIAMUSSU	Sept 1944	FORMOSA
11th Div	HULIN	Apr 1945	In transit to KYUSHU
12th Div	TUNGNING	Jan 1945	FORMOSA
14th Div	TSITSIHAR	Mar 1944	PALAU
23rd Div	HAILAR	Nov 1944	PHILIPPINES
24th Div	TUNGAN	July 1944	RYUKYUS
28th Div	HARBIN	July 1944	RYUKYUS
29th Div	LIAOYANG	Feb 1944	MARIANAS
57th Div	SHANSHENFU	Apr 1945	In transit
71st Div	CHIAMUSSU*	Feb 1945	FORMOSA
2nd Armd Div	POLI	Aug 1944	PHILIPPINES
68th Brig	KUNGCHULING?	June 1944	PHILIPPINES
59th IMB	N MANCHURIA	Sept 1944	RYUKYUS
60th IMB	E MANCHURIA	Sept 1944	RYUKYUS
25th IMR	TSITSIHAR?	Aug 1944	PHILIPPINES

During the early part of 1944 elements of various divisions and garrisons in MANCHURIA were organized into expeditionary units (Hakentai) and were sent to outlying areas (see ULTRA Bulletin 30). The following table shows the units from which each of the expeditionary units was formed and the destination of each unit:

\* Moved to CHIAMUSSU from HUNGCHUN in Sept 1944.

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<u>EXPEDITIONARY UNITS</u>	<u>MANCHURIAN PARENT UNITS</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
1st	10th Div 24th Div 25th Div	SAIPAN
2nd	9th Div	TRUK
3rd	8th Div	PULUWAT
4th	12th Div	YAP
5th	71st Div	PAGAN
6th	1st Div 11th Div	GUAM
7th	24th Div	WOLEAI
9th	24th Div 8th Ind Gar	YAP
10th	10th Div 5th Ind Gar 6th Ind Gar	HALMAHERA-SANGHE- TALAUD ISLANDS
11th	57th Div 1st Ind Gar 5th Ind Gar	KURILES

c. Replacements and Formation of New Units: The Japanese have attempted to replace strength withdrawn from MANCHURIA by (a) reconstituting elements of the divisions used in the formation of the expeditionary units and (b) forming new divisions, most of which are believed to have been formed with cadres of departed divisions. Recruits used in these reconstitutions and new formations have come mainly from JAPAN. It is believed that recruits sent from JAPAN to MANCHURIA since January 1944 approximate 200,000 men.

Identified Japanese armies and divisions formed in MANCHURIA since January 1944 are as follows (see map, Annex A):

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE OF FORMATION</u>	<u>LOCATION IN MANCHURIA</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Thirtieth Army	May 1944	Unlocated	Under First Area Army
107th Div	June 1944	Unlocated	Under Third Area Army
108th Div	Aug 1944	Unlocated	Possibly in JEHOL Area

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DATE OF FORMATION</u>	<u>LOCATION IN MANCHURIA</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
111th Div	July 1944	Unlocated	Probably under First Area Army
112th Div	Aug 1944	Unlocated	Under Third Area Army
119th Div	Oct 1944	HAILAR	
120th Div ?	Nov 1944	Unlocated	
4th Armd Div	By Nov 1944	SSUPINGKAI	

Although no more than six new infantry divisions have been identified in MANCHURIA during the period in which 13 infantry divisions were withdrawn, it is possible that others at present unidentified, have been formed. The new divisions, which are comparatively recently organized and contain a large portion of relatively unseasoned troops, are believed to be less effective as combat units than an equivalent number of the old and well trained divisions which were withdrawn. In addition, the estimated ground strength in MANCHURIA decreased from 720,000 to 609,000. It is thus apparent that the Japanese combat potential in MANCHURIA, both in effectiveness and numbers, has been reduced considerably from January 1944.

d. Puppets: In addition to the Japanese troops in MANCHURIA there are an estimated 300,000 puppet troops there which can be used by the Japanese as garrison forces.

e. Annexes: The estimated strength and dispositions of Japanese ground forces in MANCHURIA are shown on the accompanying maps, Annexes B and C. A list of identified ground units are set forth in Annex D.

### 3. KOREA:

a. Order of Battle - January 1944: Japanese ground strength in KOREA on 1 Jan 44 is estimated to have been 140,000. The major units under the control of the Korea Army consisted of three divisions (two active and one depot division), one mixed regiment and four fortresses.

b. Withdrawal of troops: Since 1 Jan 44, 50,000 men are estimated to have been withdrawn from KOREA. The units moving out included the following divisions (see map, Annex A):

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION IN KOREA</u>	<u>DATE OF WITHDRAWAL</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
100th Div	RANAN	Dec 1944	PHILIPPINES
300th Div	HEIJO	May 1944	PHILIPPINES
490th Div*	KEIJO	July 1944	BURMA

\*Activated in KOREA in January 1944 from infantry regiments formerly assigned to the 84th Ind Inf Gp (JAPAN) and newly formed supporting elements, probably from the 20th Depot Div, which occupied the Keijo Depot at the time.

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In addition, the 8th Expeditionary Unit (organized from elements of the 2nd Ind Gar and the 19th Div) was sent from KOREA to TRUK early in 1944.

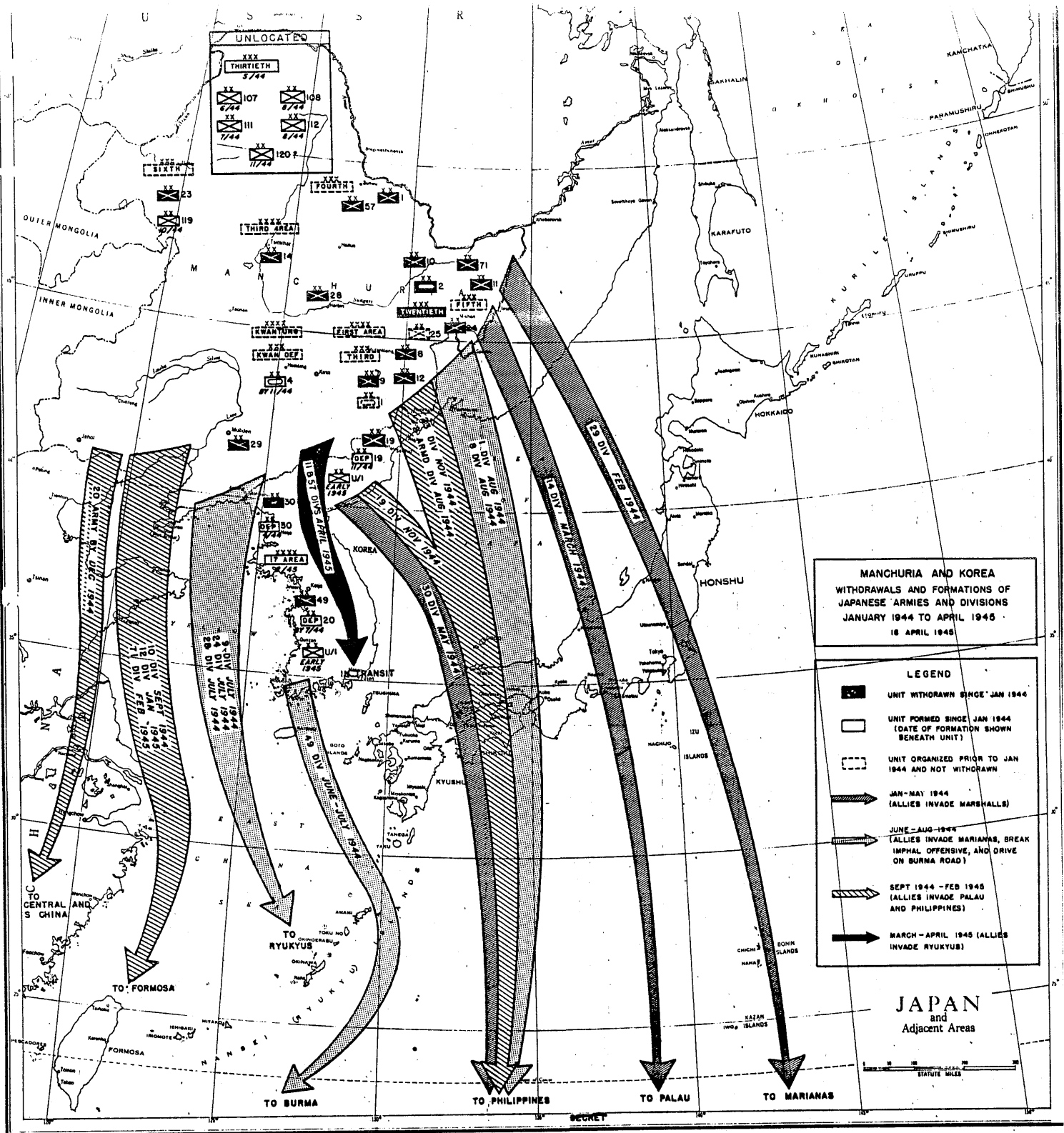
c. Formation of new divisions: Divisions formed in KOREA since January 1944 are as follows (see map, Annex A):

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE OF FORMATION</u>	<u>LOCATION IN KOREA</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
19th Depot Div	Nov 1944	RANAN	
20th Depot Div	By July 1944	KEIJO	
30th Depot Div	April 1944	HEIJO	
u/1 Inf Div	Early 1945	RANAN area)	Origin unknown but probably formed from the 19th and 20th Depot Divs. The two depot divisions are still carried since it is believed any troops withdrawn to activate the new divisions have been replaced.
u/1 Inf Div	Early 1945	KEIJO area)	

d. Developments in 1945: In February 1945 KOREA'S defenses were placed on a tactical footing with the conversion of the Korea Army into the Seventeenth Area Army. Three divisional districts (RANAN, HEIJO and KEIJO) have been identified in KOREA. There are some indications that two other divisional districts may have been formed, one at KOSHU and the other at TAIKYU. Pending receipt of further information, however, the existence of these two districts has not been accepted. Japanese ground strength in KOREA is estimated to be 177,000, an increase of 37,000 since January 1944.

e. Annexes: Present estimated dispositions and strength are shown on the accompanying maps, Annexes B and C, and a list of identified Army ground units are set forth in Annex D.

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JAPANESE ORDER OF BATTLE

The estimated total strength of identified units in the Japanese Army ground forces, based on information to 1 Feb 45, was published as Inclosure No. 4 to Bulletin 50. The table below is a recapitulation of all identified units with the estimated strength of each type unit, incorporating Order of Battle changes based on information to 1 Apr 45. These changes have been reported in previous Bulletins, although no indication of their effect on the overall strength of the Japanese Army has been reported.

In instances where information disclosing the T/O of units is not available, an arbitrary T/O has been assigned and an adjustment may be necessary upon receipt of additional information.

<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
<b>ARMIES</b>			
General Defense Hq	1	6,000	6,000
Kwantung Army	1	4,500	4,500
China Expeditionary Army	1	2,500	2,500
Southern Army	1	2,500	2,500
Other Armies	50	500	25,000
Kwantung Defense			
North China Area			
Mongolia Garrison			
Burma Area			
Ogasawara Force; 1-3, 5-8,			
10-17 Area Armies; 1-6,			
11-13, 15-18, 20, 23, 25,			
27, 28-40 Armies			
<b>DIVS</b>			
Triangular	75		
1 Gds, 2 Gds, 3 Gds, 2-15,			
17-25, 27, 28, 30-42, 44,			
46-57, 61, 66, 71, 72, 73,			
77, 81, 84, 86, 93, 94,			
104, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112,			
116, 119, 120, 152.			

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
DIVS (Continued)			
Brigaded	20		
58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 91, 100, 102, 103, 105, 109, 114, 115, 117, 118			
Grand Total - Inf Divs	95		1,479,044*
Armd			
1-4	4	11,000	44,000
IND MIXED BRIGS	48		253,210
1-3, 5, 8, 9, 17, 19, 22-29, 34-40, 43, 44, 45, 49-62, 64, 66, 69, 70, 71, 72 Karafuto Mixed, 65 Brig			
IND INF BRIGS	11	5,000	55,000
1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10-14			
CAV BRIGS	2	5,500	11,000
3, 4			
AMPE BRIGS	4	5,416	21,664
1-4			
RAIDING GP (Teishin Shudan)	1	3,750?	3,750
1			

\* Despite the addition of a new division, the 152nd, total estimated strength of infantry divisions is 35,425 less than the total carried in the estimate based on information to 1 Feb 45 (Inclosure No. 4 to Bulletin 50). The decrease is a result of (1) the 26th Div having been dropped from Order of Battle; (2) the 12th, 47th and 71st Divs having moved from non-operational to operational areas, and estimated operational strengths of 14,500, 17,200 and 14,500 having been assigned to the respective divisions in place of the T/O strengths of 24,000, 21,660 and 20,350 previously used in the computation; (3) the 118th Div, formerly carried as a triangular division (T/O 20,000) having been identified as a brigaded division and being carried at an estimated T/O of 12,000; and (4) numerous minor adjustments in estimated T/O and operational strengths of particular divisions to reflect further study of identified components.

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
RAIDING BRIG (Teishin Dan)	1	1,750?	1,750
1			
MISCELLANEOUS GARS AND DETS			
Gar Comds	11	100	1,100
1, 2, 3, 11, 21, 30, 31, 32, 33, 41, 42			
Ind Gars	5	3,500	17,500
1, 5, 7, 9, 18			
Border Gars			
1, 4, 8	3	8,000	24,000
2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9-14	11	3,000	33,000
Gar (Chutontai)			
Aershan	1	5,000	5,000
South Seas Gar Unit			
4	1	1,500	1,500
Def Comds (Boei Shireibu)			
Palembang	1	150	150
Pangkalanbrandan	1	150	150
Muroran	1	150	150
Hongkong Def Unit (Boeitai)	1	5,000	5,000
South Seas Dets			
1, 2, 4, 6	4	2,000	8,000
Named Dets			
Niijima; Hachijojima; Daitojima	3	1,000	3,000
1 Kuriles Gp (Shudan)	1	2,000?	2,000
FORTRESSES	21		51,450
Eiko Bay, Hoyo, Iki, Maizuru, Rashin, Shimonoseki, Tokyo Bay, Yura		2,000	
Amami Oshima		3,200	
Funauki		2,800	
Fusan		3,100	
Keelung		2,600	
Nakagusuku Bay		3,000	

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
FORTRESSES (Continued)			
Pescadores		2,200	
Takao		3,600	
Tsugaru		2,950	
Nagasaki, Port Arthur, Reisu, Soya, Tsushima		2,400	
IND MIXED REGTS	16		55,119
7, 15-18, 22, 25-27, 30		4,000	
9, 11		2,688	
12		2,116	
13		1,627	
14, 21		3,000	
MIXED REGT			
101	1	4,000	4,000
MOBILE REGTS			
1, 2, 3	3	3,000	9,000
FLD COMDS			
1, 2	2	100	200
FLD UNITS			
1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	9	5,000	45,000
FLD BASE FORCES			
1, 2	2	100	200
EXPLOITATION DUTY UNITS			
1, 2, 3	3	1,400	4,200
COMMANDO UNITS (Yugekitai)			
1, 5, 6, 7	4	1,500?	6,000
EXPEDITIONARY UNITS			
10	1	3,000	3,000
INF REGTS			
7 Gds, 145	2	4,000	8,000
177, 178, 197, 240, 241, 242, 244, 245, 246, 247			

No strength carried for these regiments because believed assigned to Divisions.

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
IND INF BNS			
267, 271, 272, 273, 389, 400, 401, 403, 419, 427, 429, 432, 374, 376 (formerly in 57 Ind Mixed Brig), 454, 455, 562, 553 554			No strength carried because believed assigned to Divisions and Independent Mixed Brigades.
IND GAR INF BNS			
40, 41	2	900	1,800
IND AMPH BNS			
1	1	800	800
IND MG BNS			
1, 2, 3, 6, 9-14, 17, 18, 23-26	16	600?	9,600
IND TANK BRIGS			
6	1	2,000	2,000
TANK REGTS			
2, 3, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	13	950	12,350*
4	1	450	450
IND TANK COS			
1, 2, 5-12	10	150	1,500
IND TANKETTE COS			
5, 8, 9	3	130	390
ARMY ARTY UNITS			
Eastern Dist, Western Dist, Central Dist, Northern Dist, Kwantung	5	200	1,000
ARTY GROUPS			
Gds, 3	2	174	348

\* Strength reflects existence of 14 unassigned Tank Regts.  
Believe 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 28, 29, 30 and three other regiments  
are components of Armored Divisions.

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
NAMED HV ARTY REGTS			
Mutanchiang, Tungning	2	1,400	2,800
ARTY COMDS			
1, 5, 7, 8, 9	5	125	625
IND FA REGT			
2	1	575	575
IND FA BNS			
1, 2, 5-13, 16	12	525	6,300
IND MTN ARTY REGTS			
1, 2, 5, 11	4	2,750	11,000
IND MTN ARTY BNS			
1, 20, 22, 23, 51, 52, 60	7	925	6,475
MEDIUM ARTY REGTS			
(A) 1, 4, 17, 20	4	1,800	7,200
2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14	8	2,325	18,600
15	1	1,500	1,500
(B) 7, 8, 16, 18, 22, 23, 25, 52, 53	9	1,100	9,900
IND MEDIUM ARTY REGT			
15	1	1,500	1,500
MEDIUM ARTY BNS			
9, 11, 12, 21	4	700	2,800
IND MEDIUM ARTY BN			
5	1	700	700
HV ARTY REGTS			
(A) 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8	6	1,225	7,350
IND HV ARTY BNS			
(B) 5, 7, 8	3	625	1,875
(C) 1-3, 6, 9-13	9	600	5,400
(D) 4	1	900	900
IND HV ARTY COB			
1, 2	2	300	600



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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
ARTY INTELLIGENCE REGTS			
1, 2, 5	3	675	2,025
BALLOON REGTS			
One (unnumbered), 3	2	800	1,600
BALLOON COS			
1, 2	2	200	400
MORTAR REGTS			
1, 2, 3	3	1,850	5,550
IND ARTY MORTAR REGT			
1	1	1,850	1,850
MORTAR BNS			
1, 4, 5, 10, 12-16, 21	10	825	8,250
IND ARTY MORTAR BNS			
1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21	11	900	9,900
MEDIUM MORTAR BNS			
2-7	6	600	3,600
IND MORTAR COS			
1, 3, 6, 8, 9	5	154	770
ROCKET GUN BN			
3	1	600	600
AAA GPS			
Eastern, Western, Central	3	200	600
AA DEF BRIGS			
Eastern, Central, Western	3	150	450
NAMED AA DEF INTELLIGENCE UNITS			
Eastern District Army			
Central District Army			
Western District Army			
Northern District Army			
Korea Army			
Formosa Army			

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
NAMED AAA UNIT (HQ)			
Rangoon	1	100	100
FLD AAA UNITS			
19, 20	2	75	150
FLD AA DEF UNITS			
11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18	6	75	450
AAA REGTS	33	1,100	36,300
7, 15, 16, 20-24, 26, 101-104, 112-118, 121-125, 131-135, 141, 152, 171			
AA DEF REGTS			
1, 41, 51, 52	4	1,100	4,400
IND AAA BNS			
1, 2, 6, 12, 25, 27, 31, 34, 41, 42	10	350	3,500
IND AA DEF BNS			
1, 2, 11, 12, 21, 25, 31, 32, 41, 51	10	350	3,500
FLD AAA BNS			
(A) 50, 51, 55	3	675	2,025
(B) 31-36, 38-40, 44, 46-49, 53, 54, 56-84, 89, 94	47	525	24,675
IND AAA COS			
1-3, 11-13, 21-23, 31-34, 41, 44, 51	16	125	2,000
IND FLD AAA COS			
21-23, 26-31, 33-51, 62, 63, 64	31	175	5,425
MACHINE CN BNS			
1-3, 101-105	8	350	2,800
FLD MACHINE CN COS			
15, 17-20, 22, 24	7	250	1,750
16, 21, 25-27, 29, 32-43, 45-49, 51-62, 66, 67	37	125	4,625

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
SP MACHINE GUN UNITS			
1-32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 43-46, 51-54, 57-66, 69	56	100?	5,600
SL REGT			
1	1	1,000	1,000
FLD SL BNS			
1-5	5	450	2,250
IND FLD SL COS			
1-5, 7-12	11	185	2,035
AA DEF BALLOON UNITS (B)			
1, 21, 101	3	100	300
AA DEF SIG UNITS			
1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 51	6	100	600
AA DEF OBSN UNITS			
1, 11, 21, 31, 32, 33, 41-47, 51-54	17	175	2,975
IND ANTITANK BNS			
3-14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24-27	21	475	9,975
IND ANTITANK COS			
1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12-14, 17-23, 25-27, 29-32, 37-40	28	150	4,200
ENGR UNITS (Shireibu)			
1-5, 11	6	50	300
IND ENGR REGTS			
1, 3, 4, 9-12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29-31, 33, 36-41	26	1,000	26,000
IND ENGR BNS			
59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 66, 67	7	600	4,200
IND ENGR COS			
3, 4, 5	3	175	525

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
SP CAR ENGR UNITS			
104-108, 401, 402	7	200	1,400
SURVEY UNITS			
Kwantung Army, Southern Army, 11-14 Pz	6	175	1,050
ARMY SIG UNITS (HQ Only)			
Southern Army, Southern Army #1, #2, #3, #4, 8 Area, 11, 15-19, 25, 27, 31, 32, 35	17	100	1,700
SIG UNIT (Denshin)			
1	1	300	300
SIG UNITS (Tsushin)			
1-5, 10, 11, 15, 25	9	300	2,700
SIG REGTS			
1-19, 24-29, 30?, 31, 32	28	2,400	67,200
IND SIG COS			
4, 6-8, 86	5	425	2,125
FLD SIG COS			
1, 2, 3, 8, 9	5	200	1,000
IND WIRE COS			
67, 68, 72, 81	4	450	1,800
23, 62-65, 70, 73, 86, 87, 90-94, 96-100, 102, 104-110, 114, 125-127	31	425	13,175
IND RADIO PLATS			
1, 2, 4, 5, 7-13, 18, 25, 48, 51-56, 63, 68, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83-92, 96, 97?, 98-104, 106, 109, 110, 112, 113-116, 118, 120, 124, 130-132	64	60	3,840
SP RADIO UNIT			
12	1	300	300
FIXED SIG UNITS			
1-4, 7-9, 11-14, 16, 33, Kwantung Army, 31 Army, Northern District Army	16	300	4,800

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
FIXED RADIO UNITS			
14, 25, 33, 34, 36, 37, 40-46, 51-57, 60-62	23	25	575
FLD TRANSPORT COMDS			
1-7, 11-16	13	50	650
IND TRANSPORT REGTS			
1-4	4	3,000	12,000
IND TRANSPORT BNS			
45, 51-55, 57, 58, 64	9	1,025	9,225
75	1	2,725	2,725
IND TRANSPORT COS			
19, 20, 21, 45, 51-55, 57, 58-62, 64, 65, 69, 70-74	23	400	9,200
L/C TRANSPORT COS (Divisional)			
3 Div, 2; 12 Div, 3; 12 Div, 4	3	350?	1,050
MOTOR TRANSPORT REGTS			
13, 21-39	20	1,500	30,000
SP MOTOR TRANSPORT REGT			
1	1	1,500	1,500
IND MOTOR TRANSPORT BNS			
24, 29, 31-35, 38, 39, 42, 44, 45, 47, 49, 52, 53, 55, 58-70, 76, 81-84, 101	38	800	30,400
IND MOTOR TRANSPORT COS			
1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31-34, 38, 48, 61, 66, 74, 79, 106, 204, 207-214, 224-229, 234-237, 239, 247, 249, 251-254, 256, 257, 260, 261, 263, 266, 267, 269, 270-273, 274-277, 279-281, 284, 286-291, 293, 294, 297-301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 314, 315, 318, 319-330, 333, 334, 335	98	175	17,150
SP MOTOR TRANSPORT COS			
1-35, 37-39	38	50	1,900

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
L/C MOTOR TRANSPORT UNITS			
6, 23, 25?	3	400	1,200
L/C MOTOR TRANSPORT COS			
1, 13, 19, 60, 64, 67, 82, 86, 87, 91, 92, 100, 115, 159, 180, 187, 173, 182, 183, 184, 186-190, 192	26	175	4,550
BRIDGE BUILDING MAT COS			
21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32	10	425	4,250
BRIDGE BUILDING MAT COS (Divisional)			
1 Co, 9 Div; 2 Co, 9 Div; 6 Div, 7 Div, 8 Div, 12 Div, 14 Div	7	425	2,975
RIVER CROSSING MAT COS			
10, 13, 14, 15, 19	5	225	1,125
RIVER CROSSING MAT COS (Divisional)			
21 Co, 6 Div; 1 Co, 18 Div, Gds Div, 1 Div	4	225	900
TRACTOR UNIT			
3	1	175	175
TRACTOR COS			
11-14	4	100	400
MOBILE ORD REP UNITS (I-do Heiki Shuntai)			
1, 2, 3	3	307	90
ARMY ORD DUTY UNIT			
32	1	120?	120
WATER SUPPLY AND PURIF DEPTS			
Southern Army, Kwantung Army, N China, Central China, S China, 13 Army, 2, 8, 11, 12, 15, 17	12	400	4,800
FLD WATER SUPPLY AND PURIF DEPTS			
21-30	10	400	4,000

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
<b>CASUALTY CLEARING UNITS</b>			
5, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18	6	120	720
<b>CASUALTY CLEARING PLATS</b>			
37-41, 45-49, 53, 55, 57-63, 65, 66, 68-78, 81, 84, 85, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93	40	55	2,200
<b>MIL HOSPS</b>			
1 Class	12	430	5,160
2 Class	32	200	6,400
3 Class	57	40	2,280
Class Unknown	150	200	30,000
<b>L/C HOSPS</b>			
1, 3, 4, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 25, 43, 48, 61-68, 71, 72, 74-76, 78, 79, 82, 84-90, 93, 94, 96, 97, 99-107, 109, 112, 113, 115-118, 121-140, 142, 147-150	79	350	27,650
<b>L/C MEDICAL UNITS</b>			
10, 11, 13-19	9	125	1,125
<b>VET QUARANTINE HOSPS</b>			
Kwantung Army, N China, Central China, S China, 11, 15-18, 20, 23	11	125	1,375
<b>L/C VET HOSPS</b>			
3, 12-20, 21	11	525	5,775
<b>MP UNITS</b>			
Southern Army #1, #2, and #3, Burma Area, 14, 16, 18, 25, 29, 37 Armies	19	Strength included in strength total 400 for all MP units.	
<b>ARMED VEHICLE REP UNIT</b>			
1	1	160	160
<b>FLD WELL DRILLING COS</b>			
N China, 6, 8, 9, 14, 16, 21	7	185?	1,295
<b>FLD DUTY UNITS</b>			
10-17, 22, 30	10	325	3,250

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
FLD ROAD CONS UNITS			
20, 31-39, 41-42, 44-49, 51, 53-59, 101, 102	27	300	8,100
FLD CONS UNITS			
1-6, 8	7	50	350
CONS DUTY COS			
26, 27, 31, 32, 34-39, 41, 43, 45, 46-56, 58-62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 72, 73, 81, 101	38	500	19,000
SF CONS DUTY COS			
1, 6, 10, 24, 26-30, 45-48, 50, 59, 102, 104	16	60	900
LAND DUTY COS			
6, 23, 25, 55, 60, 63, 64, 65, 67-70, 73, 75, 76, 79-82, 84-97, 100-105, 107, 108, 110, 111, 118, 119, 121, 123, 124, 129, 131-136	55	500	27,500
SF LAND DUTY COS			
1-13, 16-21, 24, 31, 32, 35-39, 41-44	31	50	1,550
FLD FORTIFICATION DEPTS			
1, 2	2	365	730
WATERWAYS TRANSPORT UNITS			
1, 2	2	600?	1,200
SF WATERWAYS TRANSPORT UNITS			
1, 2, 3	3	600?	1,800
WATER TRANSPORT UNIT (Divisional)			
9 Div, 2	1	600?	600
LAND TRANSPORT UNITS (Divisional)			
Gds Div, 7; Gds Div, 10; 7 Div, 7; 7 Div, 8; 8 Div, 9; 11 Div, 9	6	600?	3,600
CONS TRANSPORT UNITS			
3 Div, 2; 3 Div, 3; 7 Div, 2; 12 Div, 1; 14 Div, 3	5	600?	3,000

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
FUEL STORAGE DEPOTS			
Southern, Borneo, Burma, Central Sumatra, N Sumatra, S Sumatra, Java, 1, 2	9	800	7,200
RY TRANSPORT COMDS			
1, 2, 4, 5, 6	6	75	375
FLD RY COMDS			
Southern Army, Kwantung Army, Korea Army, 2, 4, Burma Rail- way Unit	6	475	2,850
SP RY COMDS			
4, 5	2	50	100
RY REGTS			
1-15	15	2,500	37,500
IND RY ENGR SERVICE ENS			
1, 2	2	600	1,200
IND RY BRIDGING ENS			
1, 2	2	600	1,200
IND RY CONS UNITS			
1, 2, 3	3	300	900
RY STAS			
24, 26, 27, 28, 49, 51, 64, 66, 101-106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 113, 114, 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, 123-32, 137, 139, 140, 142, 143, 146-149, 152-157, 159-163, 169, 170, 201, 202	58	25	1,450
ARMED TRAIN UNITS			
1, 2, 11	3	500	1,500
FLD ORD DEPOTS			
Kwantung Army	1	500	500
N China, Formosa Army, Central China, S China, Burma Area, 2 Area, 7 Area, 8 Area, 14 Area Armies; 2, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 35 Armies; 1, 2, 6, 11 12, 14-27, 29, 30, 31	40	375	15,000

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Active Units	No.	T/O	Strength
FLD MOTOR TRANSPORT DEPOTS			
Kwantung Army	1	200	200
N China, Central China, Burma Area, 2 Area, 7 Area, 8 Area, 14 Area, 2, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 35 Armies; 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 16-30, 34	38	425	16,150
FLD FREIGHT DEPOTS			
Kwantung Army	1	200	200
N China, Central China, S China, Burma Area Army, 2 Area, 7 Area, 8 Area, 14 Area Armies; 2, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 35 Armies; 3, 4, 11, 14-27, 29, 30, 31	37	300	11,100
RMT DEPOTS			
Korea, Kwantung Army, N China Fd, Central China Fd, 1, 2, 3 Fd	7	100	700
GAS BNS			
1, 3	2	525	1,050
IND GAS COS			
32, 33, 34	3	425	1,275
GAR UNIT			
21	1	500	500
SP GAR UNIT			
N China	1	1,500?	Strength included in strength total for all MP units.
GAR BNS			
21, 30, 33	3	800?	2,400
SP GAR BNS			
1, 60, 162, 163, 164, 254, 351, 352, 353, 501, 502, 552	12	800?	9,600
SP GAR COS			
29, 101-103, 107, 108, 229, 301, 304, 322, 323, 324, 501, 503, 505, 507-510	19	160?	2,850

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
<u>L/C COMDS</u>			
1 Div, 1; 4 Div, 1	2	210	420
<u>L/C SECTOR UNITS</u>			
5, 15, 16, 27 (Duty Co), 37, 41 (Duty Co), 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 50-58, 60-63, 65, 66, 69 (Gar Unit), 71-82, 83 (Gar Unit), 85, 86 (Gar Unit), 87 (Gar Unit), 88, 90, 101 (Duty Co)	46	1,750	80,500
<u>SHIPPING TRANSPORT COMDS (Shireibu)</u>			
1, 2, 3, 5, 7	5	175	875
<u>SHIPPING FORCES (Heidan)</u>			
One (Unnumbered)	1	200	200
<u>SHIPPING GPS (Dan)</u>			
1, 3, 11, 12	4	100	400
<u>ANCHORAGES</u>			
23, 30, 31, 38, 47, 48, 49, 53, 56, 58, 59, 61-67	18	60	1,080
<u>SHIPPING ARTY REGTS</u>			
1, 2	2	2,500	5,000
<u>SHIPPING ENGR REGTS</u>			
2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-34	29	1,200	34,800
<u>FLD REPLACEMENT SHIPPING ENGR UNIT</u>			
1	1	5,000	5,000
<u>IND SHIPPING ENGR COS</u>			
1, 2, 3	3	350?	1,050
<u>DEBARKATION UNITS</u>			
1, 3, 5-15	13	1,100	14,300
<u>SHIPPING SIG REGT</u>			
One (Unnumbered)	1	2,400?	2,400
<u>SHIPPING SIG BNS</u>			
1, 2	2	650	1,300

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/C</u>	<u>Strength</u>
SHIPPING FIXED SIG REGT			
One (Unnumbered)	1	1,500?	1,500
SEA TRANSPORT BNS			
1-4, 6-11	10	350	3,500
IND SEA TRANSPORT COS			
2, 3	2	150	300
RAPID TRANSPORT BN			
1	1	800?	800
MOBILE TRANSPORT UNITS			
1, 2	2	1,000?	2,000
MOBILE TRANSPORT COS			
1-15	15	200?	3,000
SUBMARINE TRANSPORT UNIT (HQ Only)			
1	1	50?	50
SHIPPING MEDICAL UNIT			
One (Unnumbered)	1	750	750
LAUNCHING UNITS			
One (Unnumbered), 1, 2	3	150	450
SEA PURSUIT BN			
1	1	800?	800
SEA PURSUIT CO			
3	1	150?	150
SEA DUTY COS			
31, 33, 36-38, 40, 41, 59, 101, 105	10	500	5,000
SP SEA DUTY COS			
16-22, 25, 26, 51, 53-56, 60, 64, 104, 144-151, 153-155	28	50	1,400
SUICIDE BOAT SERVICE UNITS (Konan Settei Tai)			
1-7, 11, 12, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 29, 30	16	900	14,400

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<u>Active Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
SUICIDE BOAT UNITS (Renraku Teitai)			
1-4, 12, 21-25, 28-30	13	100	1,300
MAIN FLD SHIPPING DEPOT			
One (Unnumbered)	1	1,000	1,000
FLD SHIPPING DEPOTS			
2-8	7	175	1,225
SHIPPING REPAIR DEPOTS			
1-7	7	150	1,050
FLD POSTAL UNITS			
10, 13-19, 21, 27	10	250	2,500
TOTAL ACTIVE UNITS			<u>3,210,090</u>
<u>Replacement Units</u>			
DEPOT DIVS			
2 Gds, 2-7, 19, 20, 30, 51-57	17	20,000	340,000
INF REPL UNITS			
1, 2	2	4,000	8,000
TANK REGT REPL UNITS			
22	1	525	525
NAMED HV ARTY REGT REPL UNITS			
Masan	1	360?	360
Sasebo	1	360	360
Shimonoseki	1	700	700
Yokosuka	1	700	700
MEDIUM ARTY REGT REPL UNITS			
2, 6	2	1,650	3,300
3, 5	2	960	1,920
8, 17, 18	3	750	2,250
ARTY INTELLIGENCE REGT REPL UNIT			
One (Unnumbered)	1	675	675
SIG REGT REPL UNITS			
1, 2, 4	3	1,475	4,425

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<u>Replacement Units</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Strength</u>
RY REGT REPL UNITS			
1, 2	2	700	1,400
SHIPPING ENGR REGT REPL UNITS			
1, 3, 6, 9	4	1,200	4,800
SHIPPING SIG REGT REPL UNIT			
One (Unnumbered)	1	1,000?	1,000
MOBILE TRANSPORT UNIT REPL UNIT			
One (Unnumbered)	1	600?	600
SEA PURSUIT UNIT REPL UNIT			
One (Unnumbered)	1	600?	600
TOTAL REPL UNITS			<u>371,615</u>

TOTALS:

Active Units	3,210,090	
Repl Units	371,615	
Miscellaneous (Schools, Arsenals, MP Units, etc.)	<u>120,000*</u>	
Total Strength of Identified Units of Japanese Army Ground Forces as of 1 Apr 45		<u>3,701,705</u>

\* Figure adopted by Pacific Order of Battle Conference held in July 1944.

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JAPANESE ARMY AND NAVY SUICIDE BOAT ORGANIZATIONS.

I.

Army Suicide Boat Organizations

1. General:

The Japanese Army recently has organized a number of Suicide Boat Units. Those Units, equipped with small power boats carrying depth charges, are intended to intercept and destroy Allied transport and naval vessels. The boats are 10-15 feet long with a beam of 4-6 feet and are capable of a maximum speed of about 30 knots. They were first noted in appreciable numbers in the current Philippines campaign and large numbers have since appeared in the OKINAWA area.

A Suicide Boat Unit is normally accompanied by a Suicide Boat Service Unit, and the two Units frequently have the same numerical designation. Suicide Boat Units and Suicide Boat Service Units are subordinated to Suicide Boat Commands.

Suicide Boat Commands usually control five to ten Suicide Boat Units with accompanying Suicide Boat Service Units. The Suicide Commands are themselves usually subordinate to a major Army unit within the area in which the Suicide Boat Units are operating. For example, the 3rd Suicide Boat Comd was under the Fourteenth Area Army, but at various times was attached to the 105th Div, the 58th Ind Mixed Brig and the Manila Defense Force. For administration, Suicide Boat Commands are under Shipping Hq (Sempaku Shireibu). Although the Commands exercise administrative control over the subordinate units, individual pairs of Suicide Boat Units and Suicide Boat Service Units may operate independently of it.

The Japanese have gone to considerable lengths to conceal the identity and nature of the Suicide Boat organizations. As a security measure, organizations are generally referred to, even in official orders, as "fishing units" (Gyoro Tai) and a number of other cover names have been used. Annex A contains a glossary of the various terms which have been applied to the various Suicide Boat organizations. Several Suicide Boat Units and Suicide Boat Service Units have appeared with two numerical designations, which differed in each case by 100, e.g., the 5th Suicide Boat Service Unit has also been designated the 105th. It is possible that this is also a security measure.

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2. Locations:

Five Suicide Boat Commands have been identified, three on LUZON, one in the RYUKYUS and one probably in FORMOSA.

Of a total of 29 identified Suicide Boat Units, 13 are believed to be in LUZON and two others were scheduled to go there; six are believed to be in FORMOSA; six are believed to be in the RYUKYUS and one other was scheduled to go there. Of the 27 Suicide Boat Service Units identified, 15 are believed to be in LUZON and one other was scheduled to go there; four are believed to be in FORMOSA; five are believed to be in the RYUKYUS and two others were scheduled to go there. Annex B contains a detailed Order of Battle of Japanese Army Suicide Boat Organizations.

3. Organization: (See Annex C)

a. Suicide Boat Commands: Suicide Boat Commands have a strength of approximately 50 officers and men, commanded by a lieutenant colonel. The Command has a Hq Section, and Signal, Code, Weather, Intendence and Medical Sections. The Command is armed for local protection with rifles, one or two grenade dischargers and a light machine gun.

b. Suicide Boat Units: Suicide Boat Units are commanded by a captain, and normally have 100 boats and a strength of approximately 104 officers and men, as follows:

Hq (10 boats) . . . . .	14
3 Boat Companies (each 30 men and 30 boats) . . . . .	90
Company Hq (3 boats)	
3 Platoons (9 boats each)	
Total strength	<u>104</u>

c. Suicide Boat Service Units: Suicide Boat Service Units are usually commanded by a major and have a strength of approximately 900 officers and men, as follows:

Hq . . . . .	68
3 Rifle and Duty Companies (each 252 men) . . . . .	756
Hq Unit	
22 Rifle and LMG platoons (each 4 Secs)	
1 HMG Platoon (2 HMGs)	
1 Maintenance Platoon	
Maintenance Company . . . . .	72
Total strength . . . . .	<u>896</u>

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Each Rifle and Duty Company may have two 37 mm antitank guns or two 70 mm battalion howitzers in addition to small arms.

#### 4. Operation:

a. Suicide Boat Units: The function of the Suicide Boat Units is to make depth charge attacks against Allied transports and cargo ships and, on occasion, against warships. Available information indicates that the tactics of the Unit are as follows: The boats advance in a column or columns toward the targets. As they approach, the leading boats head for the more distant targets while boats farther back in the column head for nearer targets. That method of attack probably is intended to produce the effect of a simultaneous attack over a wide area, creating more confusion and at the same time incurring less risk of discovery before all attacks have been launched. Attacks are sometimes launched simultaneously from several directions. Boats in the rear of an attack column may be held in reserve to make follow-up runs in the event the first boats are not successful.

As soon as targets are selected, individual boats make depth charge runs without further command. Also, in the event of premature discovery, the boats attack the first available target without awaiting a command. Pilots of the Suicide Boats usually release their depth charge close alongside the target and attempt to escape. They are instructed, however, to crash the target if necessary.

While the tactics outlined above are believed to be prescribed methods of attacks, it is likely that considerable variation will be noted in practice.

b. Suicide Boat Service Units: The Suicide Boat Service Unit is responsible for maintenance and service of the Suicide Boat Unit. In addition, the Service Unit provides ground protection for the Unit and constructs, camouflages and guards the necessary shelters and anchorages for the boats. In a number of cases in the PHILIPPINES, Suicide Boat Service Units were converted into combat infantry after their accompanying Suicide Boat Units were destroyed.

#### 5. Personnel and Training:

a. Suicide Boat Units: Personnel of the Suicide Boat Units are specially selected after rigorous physical and mental examinations, and then assigned to the Shipping Special Reserve Officer Candidate Unit for training. That unit is not actually an officer candidate school: the term is a cover name. Trainees do graduate, however, as non-commissioned officers.

According to a PW, there are six training companies of about 300 each, made up of five classes of 60 students.

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Instruction includes motor maintenance and operation, signalling, chart reading, etc. After training is completed, the men are assigned to Suicide Boat Units.

b. Suicide Boat Service Units: Personnel of the Suicide Boat Service Units are considerably inferior to those of the Suicide Boat Units. The average age of PSW from these Units is higher than that of Suicide Boat Unit personnel and their educational level considerably lower. The training period for Suicide Boat Service Unit personnel is apparently short and probably is not very specialized.

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GLOSSARY

(The following list contains most of the designations which have been applied to each of the three Suicide Boat organizations. MIS has adopted the names "Suicide Boat Command", "Suicide Boat Unit" and "Suicide Boat Service Unit" for the three organizations since it is felt that those names more accurately describe their functions.)

English

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Suicide Boat Commands

Base Unit	Kichi Tai
Fishing Unit	Gyoro Tai
Harbor Base Unit	Kowan Kichi Tai
Base Battalion	Kichi Daitai
Base Hq	Kichi Hombu
Harbor Base Unit Hq	Kowan Kichi Tai Hombu
Base Unit Hq	Kichi Tai Hombu

Suicide Boat Units

Contact Boat Unit	)	
Communications Boat Unit	)	
Linking-up Boat Unit	)	Renraku Tei Tai
Liaison Barge Unit	)	
Liaison Boat Unit	)	
Fishing Battalion		Gyoro Daitai
Human Torpedo Unit		Ningen Gyorai Tai
Sea Raiding Regiment (Squadron)		Kaijo Teishin Sentai
Sea Raiding Unit		Kaijo Teishin Tai
Code Cover Names	)	Maru Ni
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English

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Suicide Boat Service Unit

Fishing Unit	Gyoro Tai
Fishing Battalion	Gyoro Daitai
Harbor Construction Battalion	Kowan Settei Daitai
Harbor Construction Unit )	
Harbor and Port Construc- )	
tion Unit )	Kowan Settei Tai
Harbor Survey and Con- )	
struction Unit )	
Sea Raiding Base Battalion	Kaijo Teishin Kichi Daitai

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I - ORDER OF BATTLE OF JAPANESE ARMY SUICIDE BOAT ORGANIZATIONS

SUICIDE BOAT COMMANDS

Unit	Location	Op Code	Home Code
1	LUZON	19770?	
2	LUZON	I-19771	
3	LUZON		
4	FORMOSA?		
5	NAHA		

SUICIDE BOAT UNITS

Unit	Location	Op. Code	Home Code
1	OKINAWA?		
2	Unlocated		
	Schd KERAMA (10/44)		
3	OKINAWA?		
4	Schd MIYAKO (1/45)		
	Last identified		
	OKINAWA (12/44)		
5	Schd LUZON (10/44)		
	Elms lost en route		
6	LUZON (12/44)		
	Elms lost en route		
7	LUZON (1/45)		
	Elms lost en route		
8	Unlocated.		
	Schd LUZON (11/44)		
	Elms lost en route		

SUICIDE BOAT SERVICE UNITS

Unit	Location	Op. Code	Home Code
1	OKINAWA (9/44)		
2	OKINAWA (9/44)		
3	OKINAWA (9/44)		
4	MIYAKO (11/44)		
	Tama 16790		
	Tama 16791		
5 (105)	LUZON (2/45)		
	I-16792		
6 (106)	LUZON (1/45)		
	I-16793		
7 (107)	LUZON (1/45)		
8 (108)	LUZON (11/44)		

SUICIDE BOAT UNITS

SUICIDE BOAT SERVICE UNITS

Unit	Location	Op. Code	Home Code	Unit	Location	Op. Code	Home Code
9	LUZON (11/44)			9	Unlocated Sched LUZON (9/44) Elms lost en route		
10	LUZON? (9/44)			10	LUZON? (9/44)		
11	LUZON { 1/45 }	19752?		11	1st Co REISUI (9/44)	I-14208	E 6??
12	LUZON { 12/44 }	19753?		12	LUZON { 2/45 }	I-14209	E 63?
13	LUZON { 12/44 }	19754		13	LUZON { 1/45 }	I-14210?	
14	LUZON { 11/44 }	I-19754		14	LUZON { 1/45 }	I-3328?	E 22?
15	LUZON { 12/44 }	19755?		15	LUZON { 12/44 }	I-3329	
16	LUZON { 11/44 }	I-19756		16	LUZON { 2/45 }	I-3330?	
17	LUZON { 1/45 }	Akatsuki		17	LUZON { 11/44 }	I-2894	E 37?
18	LUZON { 1/45 }	19757?		18	LUZON { 11/44 }		
19	LUZON (2/45)	19758?		19	LUZON { 1/45 }	I-7259	E 58?
20	FORMOSA? (2/45)	19759?		20	LUZON { 2/45 }	7260	E 70?
21	SW FORMOSA? { 12/44 }			21	SW FORMOSA (12/44)		
22	SW FORMOSA? { 12/44 }			23	SW FORMOSA (11/44)	Taiwan	
23	SW FORMOSA (12/44)			24	SW FORMOSA (11/44)	14164?	
24	SW FORMOSA (12/44)			25	FORMOSA? (12/44)		
25	FORMOSA? (12/44)			27	OKINAWA (1/45)	10173?	
27	OKINAWA { 1/45 }			29	Sched for OKINAWA (10/44)		
28	OKINAWA { elms } (1/45)			30	Sched for MIYAKO (11/44)		
29	OKINAWA? (2/45)						
30	Unlocated (1/45)						

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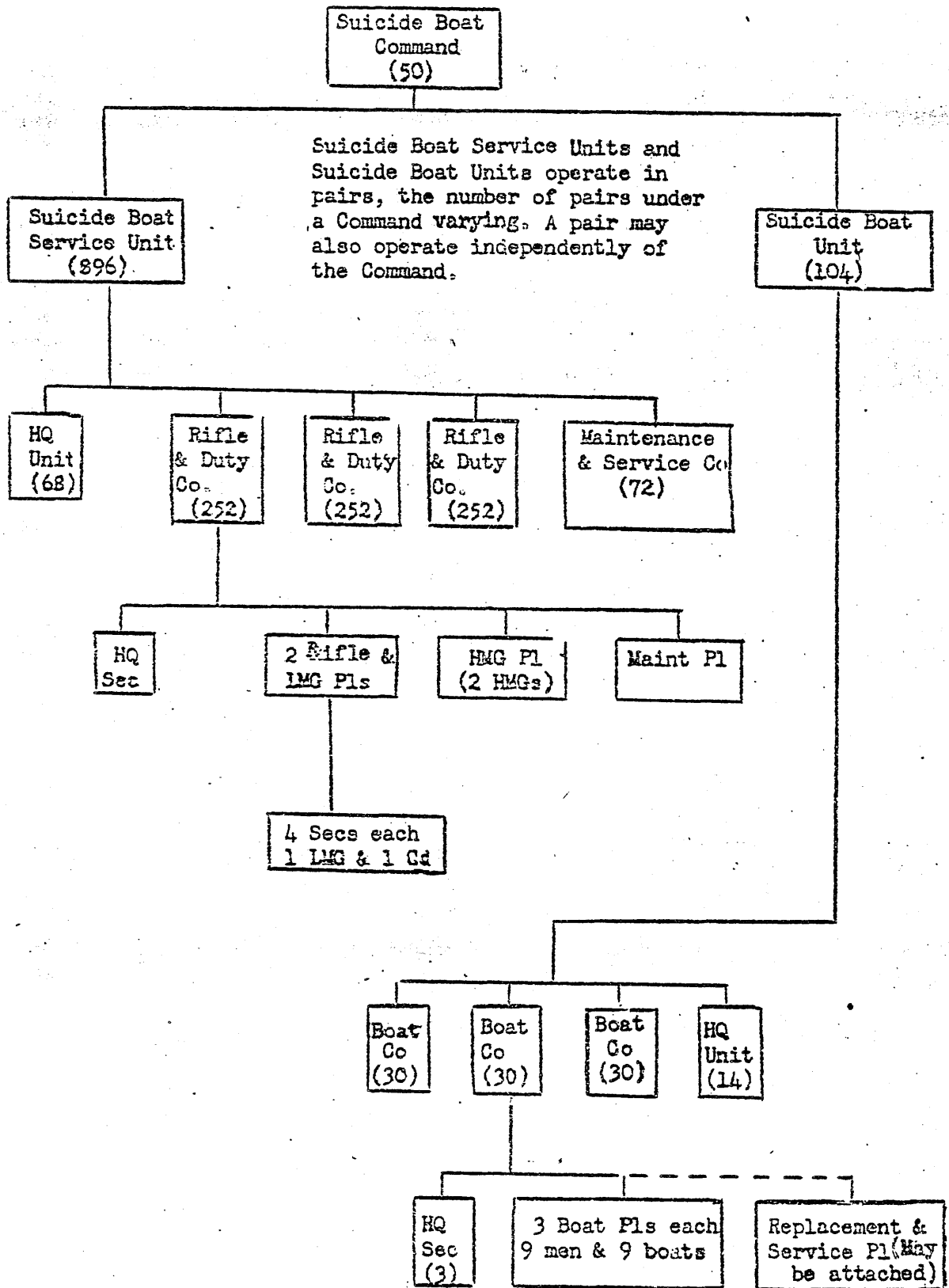
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ORGANIZATION  
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Suicide Boat Units



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II.

NAVY SUICIDE CRASH BOAT UNITS  
(Shinyotai)

1. General:

The Japanese Navy recently has organized a number of Suicide Crash Boat Units (Shinyotai, literally "Ocean Shocking Unit"), having a strength of 170 to 200 men and equipped with 30 to 50 crash boats. The boats contain an explosive charge in the bow and are designed to sink Allied ships by crashing against them.

2. Locations:

Thirty-seven Suicide Crash Boat Units have been identified to date. Six are believed to be in the RYUKYUS and seven others were scheduled to go there; one is believed to be at HACHIJOJIMA, six were scheduled to go to S HAINAN, one to CHUSHAN IS (off SHANGHAI), one to BORNEO and two to CHICHIJIMA. Six Suicide Crash Boat Units were destroyed at CORREGIDOR.

3. Table of Organization:

Although PW statements as to the strength and organization of Suicide Crash Boat Units have varied considerably, it is believed that the Units are organized along the following general lines:

Hq - 20

(Includes finance and medical personnel)

CO - Lt (Jg)

Boat Pilot Section - 50 (1 man per boat)	Guard Section - 70	Maintenance Section - 40
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Reports indicate that each Unit has five to seven officers but their exact duties within the organization are not known.

4. Commands:

It is believed that Suicide Crash Boat Units are subordinated to the commanding officer of the Navy ground unit in the area to which they are assigned and not to the commander-in-chief of the Fleet operating in that area. That subordination is in accord with the Units' mission of repelling invading forces.

5. Crash Boats:

One-man crash boats are the offensive weapon of the Suicide Crash Boat Unit. One of the boats, captured at

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CORREGIDOR, was 16' 3" long and had a beam of 5' 8". The boat was powered by an automotive-type, in-line, gasoline engine and is estimated to be capable of a speed of 25 knots. A 640-lb explosive charge is installed below the deck forward of the cockpit, in a container 11" long, 18-1/2" wide and 12-7/8" high at the forward end. At the rear of the container are wells to accommodate two type-93 mine boosters, one equipped with an electrical detonator and the other with a pull-type firing device. Two junction boxes are mounted below the booster wells. The charge could thus be fired by three methods: (1) electrically on impact, (2) electrically by closing a switch, or (3) by use of the pull igniter.\* It is believed that, when not in use, the boats are kept in hangars or tunnels and, to facilitate rapid launching, are mounted on four-wheeled dollies on tracks.

#### 6. Other Weapons:

Available information on armament of Suicide Crash Boat Units suggests that they are equipped only for self-protection and protection of the crash boats. It appears that each member of the Guard Section is armed with an M-33 rifle and bayonet and that each man in the Unit is equipped with two to four hand grenades. Unit armament appears to vary considerably. Two Units had light machine guns; another had heavy machine guns and "knee mortars"; another had 25 mm machine cannon.

#### 7. Tactics:

The Units are intended to make surprise attacks against Allied ships operating within close range of harbors and close offshore. The boats apparently operate in groups of six, although sometimes two groups operate together. The standard tactical formations for a group of six boats appears to be two columns of three boats or six boats abreast, the latter presumably being the attack formation. According to one report, attacks are made at dawn and dusk; another report states that the boats "sortie stealthily" after sunset and return by dawn. Apparently one boat is detailed to return to base to report the results of the attack.

#### 8. Preferred Targets:

Information on the types of ships against which Suicide Crash Boat Units are intended to operate is conflicting. One order directed the boats to concentrate on aircraft carriers,

\*Although the boat captured at CORREGIDOR is believed to be typical of the boats with which the Suicide Crash Boat Units are equipped, there is some evidence which suggests that some boats are armed with two rocket guns, possibly of 12 cm caliber. It is not clear whether those boats also have an explosive charge in the bow.

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battleships and cruisers, but also to attack vessels used for landing tanks and heavy armor. On the other hand, a PW has stated that ships were to be attacked in the following order: first small landing craft (because of their vulnerability), then destroyers and finally cruisers.

9. Origin:

Of the identified Suicide Crash Boat Units, two were organized at KURE, two at SASEBO and one at YOKOSUKA--the three main Naval bases in JAPAN. A PW indicates that the Japanese did not begin Suicide Crash Boat training until August 1944. The PW stated that training schools were located at YOKOSUKA and KAWATANA (KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE), and indicated that the period of training was one or two months.

10. Order of Battle:

Identified Suicide Crash Boat Units are listed below:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1st	KIKAI JIMA (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	
2nd	Unlocated (Oct 44)	<del>TS</del>	
4th	Unlocated (Oct 44)	<del>TS</del>	
5th	Unlocated (Sep 44)	<del>TS</del>	Reported leaving YOKOSUKA for CHICHI JIMA in mid-Sep 44.
6th	Unlocated (Dec 44)	<del>TS</del>	Reported leaving SASEBO for BORNEO about 1 Sep 44.
7th		<del>TS</del>	Destroyed at COR- REGIDOR
8th	Unlocated (Sep 44)	<del>TS</del>	Reported leaving YOKOSUKA for CHICHI JIMA in mid-Sep 44.
9th		<del>TS</del>	
10th		<del>TS</del>	
11th		<del>TS</del>	
12th		<del>TS</del>	
13th		<del>TS</del>	
16th	HACHIJOJIMA (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
22nd	OKINAWA (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	
26th	Unlocated (Feb 45)	<del>TS</del>	
28th	Unlocated (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for ISHIGAKI in mid- March.
32nd	SASEBO (Jan 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for S HAINAN area late in January.
33rd	SASEBO (Jan 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for S HAINAN area late in January.
34th	JAPAN	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for S HAINAN area in February.
38th	Unlocated (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for ISHIGAKI in mid- March.
39th	Unlocated (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for ISHIGAKI in mid- March.
40th	KIKAI JIMA (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	
41st	Unlocated (Feb 45)	<del>TS</del>	
42nd	OKINAWA (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	
44th	Unlocated (Feb 45)	<del>TS</del>	
45th	Unlocated (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for MIYAKOJIMA in mid-March.
46th	CHUSHAN IS (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	
77th	OKINAWA (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	
101st	Unlocated (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	
102nd	Unlocated (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
103rd	SASEBO (Jan 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for S HAINAN area late in January.
104th	JAPAN (Jan 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for S HAINAN area in February.
106th	JAPAN (Jan 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for S HAINAN area in February.
109th	Unlocated (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for OKINAWA in mid- March.
110th	Unlocated (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for ISHIGAKI in mid- March.
111th	KIKAI JIMA (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	
116th	Unlocated (Mar 45)	<del>TS</del>	Scheduled to leave for OKINAWA late in March.

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The following is the weekly list of minor units identified,  
located or dropped on the basis of information classified  
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MINOR UNITS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1st Ind Amph Bn	RABAU Area	December	
3rd Ind Medium Arty Bn	Dropped		Formerly carried: RABAU
9th Medium Arty Bn	BURMA	February 1945	
11th Fld AA Def Unit	ANSHAN ✓ (MANCHURIA)	February	
77th Fld AAA Bn	LUZON	November	
33rd, 35th, 38th Sp Machine Cn Units	Dropped		Rendered ineffective on PELELIU (10/44)
1st Ind Anti- tank Bn	Dropped		Formerly carried: BURMA
53rd Ind Engr Bn	Dropped		Formerly carried unlocated
49th Fld Road Cons Unit	LUZON	January 1945	
108th Sp Gar Engr Unit	CENTRAL JAPAN?	March	
99th Ind Radio Plat	MINDANAO	August	
101st Ind Radio Plat	MINDANAO	August	
51st Ry Sta	N CHINA ✓	September 1942	
132nd Ry Sta	LUZON	August?	

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Order of Battle Bulletin No. 60  
Japanese Ground Forces  
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A. SUMMARY.

1. JAPAN--Location of First General Army Hq. General Defense Hq dropped. (B.1.b.)
2. KURILES--Movement of 3rd Amph Brig and Naval ground forces to JAPAN. (B.2.b.)
3. KARAFUTO--Location of Hq of Karafuto Mixed Brig. (B.2.c.)
4. MANCHURIA--Location of 9th-13th Border Gars. (B.7.c.)
5. N CHINA--Location of Twelfth Army Hq. (B.8.a.)
6. CENTRAL and S CHINA--Location 34th, 47th, 64th and 68th Divs. (B.8.b.)
7. BURMA--Movement of Burma Area Army Hq. (B.9.)
8. Organization of 71st Div. (C.)
9. Review of Order of Battle in HONSHU and SHIKOKU. (Inclosure No. 3)
10. Review of Order of Battle in N CHINA. (Inclosure No. 4)

B. IDENTIFICATIONS, STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS.

1. JAPAN (less HOKKAIDO).

a. Strength estimate: 1,193,000, increased from 1,150,000. Army ground strength is increased to 772,000 from 723,000 and Army and Navy Air ground strength is reduced to 289,000 from 295,000 to reflect a study of strengths of identified units on HONSHU and SHIKOKU (see Inclosure 3).

b. New identifications: New information confirms the previously reported tentative identification of the First General Army (see Bulletin 59) and locates its Hq at TOKYO. General Defense Hq was absorbed in the formation of this command and is dropped from Order of Battle. The operational areas and boundaries of the

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two General Armies are not known, but there is evidence that the Fifth Area Army is probably subordinated directly to Imperial General Hq and not to the First General Army.

c. New locations and movements:

(1) For the movement of the 3rd Amph Brig to JAPAN from the KURILES see par 2.b. below.

(2) The scheduled movement of Naval ground forces from the KURILES to JAPAN is discussed in par 2.b. below.

2. FIFTH AREA ARMY.

a. HOKKAIDO.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The scheduled movement to HOKKAIDO and Honshu of Naval ground troops from the KURILES is discussed in par b. below.

b. KURILES.

(1) Strength estimate: 92,000, reduced from 97,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 75,000 from 80,000 to reflect the movement of the 3rd Amph Brig to JAPAN (see par (3) below).

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) The 3rd Amph Brig (estimated strength 5,000) is being withdrawn from the N KURILES to JAPAN. The Brigade, less elements which are carried tentatively at AOMORI (N HONSHU), will be carried in transit.

(b) The Japanese plan to transfer to HOKKAIDO and N HONSHU the greater part of their Naval ground forces in the KURILES, the transfer to be completed by the end of July. Naval ground forces are to be reduced to one-fifth their present size.

c. KARAFUTO.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The Hq of the Karafuto Mixed Brig, the only major Japanese unit identified on KARAFUTO, has moved S to TOYONARA from its old location at SHIKURA.

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3. TENTH AREA ARMY.

RYUKYUS.

a. General: The 400th Inf Inf Bn has been identified as a component of the 60th Inf Mixed Brig. (JX 49446/ GX 2490)

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b. Strength estimate: 119,000, reduced from 129,000. Army ground strength is reduced to 94,000 from 104,000 to reflect reported casualties.

c. No other changes.

4. SEVENTEENTH AREA ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: unchanged.

b. New identifications: none.

c. New locations and movements: The EIKO BAY Fortress, heretofore carried in the EIKO BAY area, is now known to be located at GENZAN (EIKO BAY). (MIS RES Project #1536A)

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5. OGASAWARA FORCE.

No changes.

6. THIRTY-FIRST ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: 100,000, reduced from 101,000. Army ground strength is reduced to 63,000 from 64,000 to reflect estimated attrition and a reassessment of strength (see par c. below).

b. New identifications: none.

c. New locations and movements: Due to insufficiency of rations, some of the troops on PULUWAT have been moved to TRUK, reducing the strength on PULUWAT to 2,000 from 4,100. Strength on WOLEAI is decreased to 4,500 from 5,900 to reflect estimated attrition. Strength on TRUK is increased to 26,700 from 24,200, principally because of the movement there of troops from PULUWAT. (J47376)

7. KWANTUNG ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: unchanged.

b. New identifications: none.

c. New locations and movements: New information locates the 9th-13th Border Gars as follows:

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	<u>New Location</u>	<u>Formerly Carried</u>	
9th Border Gar	HUNCHUN Area	WUCHIATSU	(ATIS SWPA #754)
10th Border Gar	Area S of SUIFENHO	Unlocated, MANCHURIA	(CINC POA 10967)
11th Border Gar	Area N of SUIFENHO	Unlocated, MANCHURIA	(CINC POA 10967)
12th Border Gar	JAOHO ?	TUNGAN PROV	( <del>SECRET</del> Reports)
13th Border Gar	HEIHO Area	HEIHO	( <del>SECRET</del> Reports)
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8. CHINA EXPEDITIONARY ARMY.

a. N CHINA

(1) Strength estimate: 320,000, reduced from 337,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 310,000 from 327,000 to reflect a study of strengths of identified units in the area (see Inclosure 4).

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: New evidence confirms the previously reported possibility that Twelfth Army Hq has moved from TSINAN to CHENGCHOW (CHENGHSIEN) (Bulletin 42).

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b. CENTRAL AND S CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) The 34th Div is located in the CHUANHSIEN area on the HENGYANG-KWEILIN railroad. The Division was reported as being in the HENGYANG-LIUCHOW area in Bulletin 50.

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(b) The 47th Div, formerly carried unlocated in CENTRAL and S CHINA (Bulletin 58) has been tentatively identified in the HENGYANG area.

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(c) The Hq of the 64th Div, previously carried in the CHANGSHA area (Bulletin 50) has been identified at CHANGSHA.

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(d) The 68th Div, previously reported on the railroad S of LEIYANG (Bulletin 50), now garrisons the railroad N of HENGYANG.

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9. SOUTHERN ARMY.

a. BURMA.

(1) Strength estimate: 139,000, reduced from 153,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 123,000 from 137,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The Burma (IND 5916) Area Army Hq has moved, or is in the process of moving, from RANGOON to MOULMEIN. Pending receipt of further information this Hq will be carried in transit.

b. LUZON.

(1) Strength estimate: 60,000, reduced from 67,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 51,000 from 58,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) No other changes.

10. EIGHTH AREA ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: 82,000, reduced from 85,000. Navy ground strength is decreased to 6,000 from 9,000 to reflect estimated casualties and attrition.

b. No other changes.

C. SPECIAL ARTICLE.

ORGANIZATION OF 71ST DIV.

1. History. The 71st Div, which was formerly located at HUNCHUN, MANCHURIA, probably absorbed the Hunchun Gar Unit when the Division was formed in April 1942. While in MANCHURIA it was carried as a standard division with a T/O strength of about 20,000.

Early in 1944 the 71st and several other divisions were reorganized along somewhat the same lines. As a part of the reorganization of the 71st Div the following units were taken from the Division to form the 5th Expeditionary Unit, which moved to PAGAN and was later used to form the 9th Ind Mixed Regt:

Inf Gp Hq	1st Bn of 71st Mt Arty Regt
3rd Bn of 87th Inf Regt	3rd Co of 71st Engr Regt
3rd Bn of 88th Inf Regt	

The Infantry Group Hq was not replaced and the infantry battalions remaining in the Division probably were reduced to a three infantry company basis. It is believed that the other elements were also not replaced and that the Artillery Regiment retained only three battalions and the Engineer Regiment only two companies.

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Early in September 1944 the 71st Div moved to CHIAMUSSU to replace the 10th Div, which had left for FORMOSA. In January and February the 71st Div moved to FORMOSA, the main body embarking at FUSAN around 8 February 1945 and sailing to KEELUNG via MOJI in a convoy with the last echelon of the 12th Div. It disembarked at KEELUNG and moved to W FORMOSA where it established its Hq, probably at TOROKU.

2. Composition and Table of Organization. The components and probable T/O of the 71st Div are as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>T/O Strength (a)</u>
Hq	350
(Inf Gp Hq) - Absorbed by 5th Expeditionary Unit in February 1944	
87th Inf Regt (b)	2,850
88th Inf Regt (b)	2,850
140th Inf Regt (b)	2,850
171st Cav Regt (c)	920
71st Mt Arty Regt (d)	3,500
71st Engr Regt (Hq and two companies)	600
71st Div Sig Unit	240
71st Transport Regt (e)	750
71st Ord Duty Unit	80
71st Div Medical Unit? (f)	700
71st Div #1 Fld Hosp (f)	250
[#2 Fld Hosp] - Existence doubtful	
[#3 Fld Hosp] - Dropped	
#4 Fld Hosp (f)	250
71st Div Water Supply and Purif Unit	200
71st Div Vet Hosp (Depot)	60
71st Div Gas Training (Decontamination) Unit	50
Total T/O strength	16,500

(a) Operational strength is estimated at approximately 14,000 because it is believed that (i) the Cavalry Regiment did not move to FORMOSA with the Division, and

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(ii) the strength of the Artillery Regiment is less than the T/O (see notes (c) and (d)).

(b) Battalions of the infantry regiments are probably organized on a three infantry company basis. The regiments also have a regimental gun company, antitank gun company and a signal company. This organization appears similar to that of the infantry regiments in the 23rd Div.

(c) 171st Cav Regt is carried as a component of 71st Div and was probably with the Division in MANCHURIA in the Fall of 1944 (the 71st Cav Regt is in the 2nd Cav Brig). The Regiment's T/O is not known and, therefore, it is considered as a standard cavalry regiment. It is considered unlikely that the 171st Cav Regt moved to FORMOSA with the Division.

(d) Available evidence indicates the Artillery Regiment has three battalions, each with about 600 men, 12 guns and 105 horses, which is substantially lower than the Mobilization Plan T/O of 1,000 men for each battalion. Since the actual T/O of the Regiment is unknown, however, it will be carried as 3,500, the T/O for a standard mountain artillery regiment. The operational strength is probably closer to 2,100.

(e) Appears to have three small companies. It is, therefore, presumed similar to the Transport Regiment of the 23rd Div and believed to be composed of a Hq, two motor transport companies and one draft company.

(f) Numbers 1 and 4 Fld Hosps are known to exist and have code numbers. Number 3 Hosp is definitely no longer in existence and Number 2 probably is not. Although there is no recent reference to the Division medical unit, it is probably still with the Division.

D. CODE NAMES AND NUMBERS.

The following is the weekly list of code names and numbers identified on an ULTRA level:

	<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Code No.</u>
First General Army (80gun)	Tōhō (CTC 2639, 2455?)	8151
Second General Army	Seihō? (CTC 6007, 2455?)	

E. ERRATA.

1. Inclosure No. 3 to Bulletin 59: The statement on page 2 that the 11th Div is "In transit to KYUSHU" should be changed to "In transit." The destination of the Division is not known, although, as stated in Bulletin 59, it may be moving to JAPAN.

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2. Inclosure No. 5 to Bulletin 59: On page 2 the number of Rifle and LMG Platoons in a Rifle and Duty Company of a Suicide Boat Service Unit should be "2" and not "22".

F. SUPPLEMENTS.

1. Chart showing dispositions and strengths of Japanese Army ground forces--Inclosure No. 1.

2. Map showing estimated strengths of Japanese forces--Inclosure No. 2.

3. Review of Order of Battle in HONSHU and SHIKOKU--Inclosure No. 3.

4. Review of Order of Battle in N CHINA--Inclosure No. 4.

5. List of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL--Inclosure No. 5.

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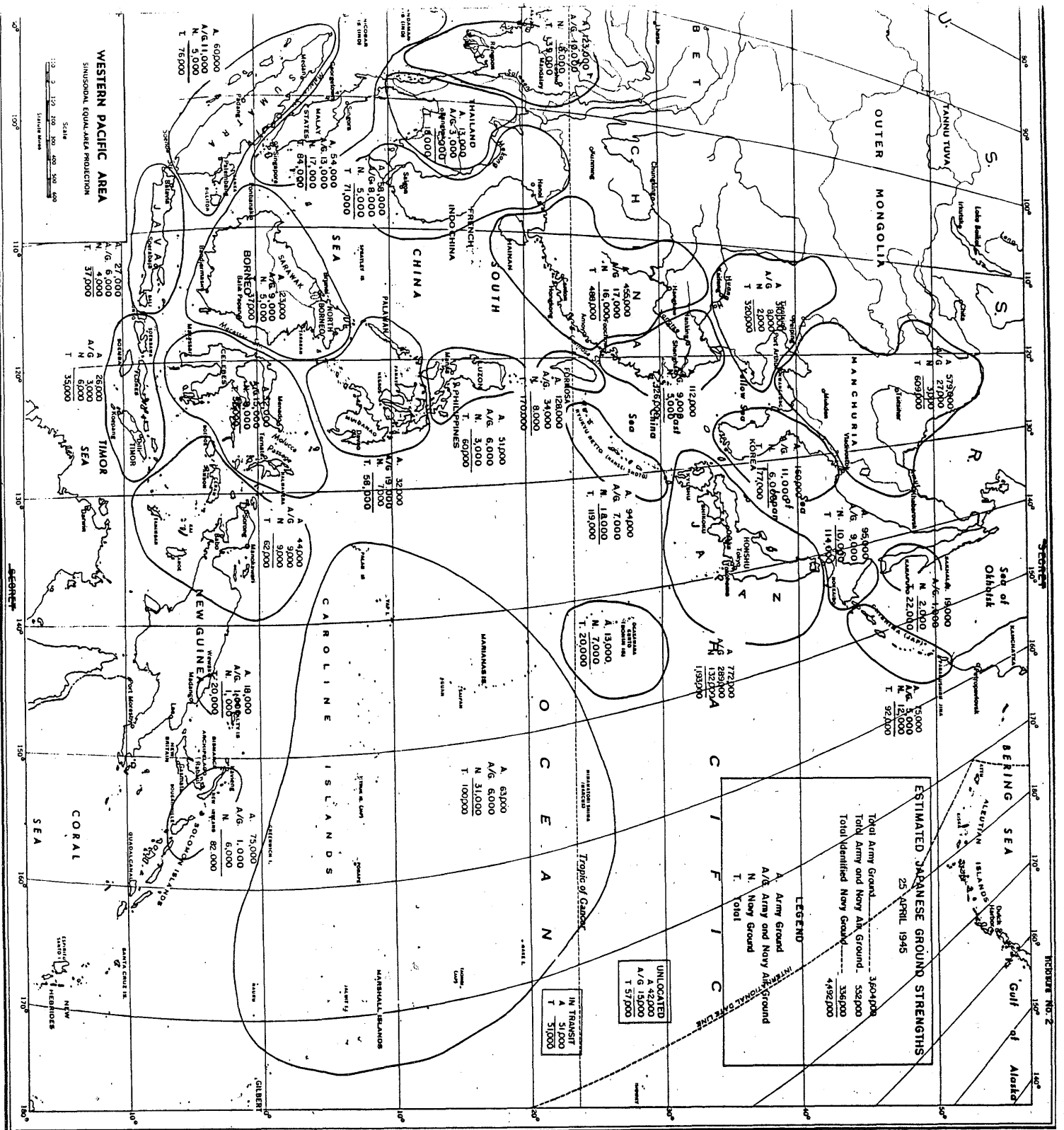
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Inclosure No. 3  
To Order of Battle  
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HONSHU AND SHIKOKU  
ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW

1. General. The advance of Allied forces toward JAPAN has resulted in two significant order of battle developments in HONSHU and SHIKOKU: (a) territorial and tactical reorganization of army commands, and (b) strengthening of forces from an estimated 460,000 in January 1944 to an estimated 964,000 in April 1945.

2. Command Reorganization. In January 1944 JAPAN was under the jurisdiction of the following district armies, primarily administrative commands functioning under General Defense Headquarters at TOKYO (see map, Annex A):

Northern District Army	SAPPORO
Eastern District Army	TOKYO
Central District Army	OSAKA
Western District Army	FUKUOKA

Since that time a thorough command reorganization, impelled by tactical considerations and involving major territorial adjustments, has taken place. A chronology of these command changes follows (see map, Annex A):

March 1944	Hirosaki Divisional District transferred to Eastern District Army with creation of Fifth Area Army and organization of Northern area on tactical basis.
June 1944	Zentsuji Divisional District (only divisional district on SHIKOKU) transferred to Central District Army from Western District Army.
By July 1944	Thirty-sixth Army organized in JAPAN (probably located in GHIBA PREFECTURE).
January - February 1945	Twenty-seventh Army moved from KURILES to SENDAI.
February 1945	As a part of the organization of JAPAN on a tactical basis, a complete reorganization of command on the home

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islands was made. The Eleventh Area Army was established in NE HONSHU, the Twelfth Area Army in SE HONSHU, the Thirteenth Area Army in W CENTRAL HONSHU and the Fifteenth Area Army in W HONSHU and SHIKOKU. These Armies succeeded the District Armies and their formation involved a complete redrawing of Army boundaries in the home islands. The boundaries of most of the divisional districts were also redrawn, the Himeji Divisional District was abolished and the Nagano Divisional District created.

April 1945

Two General Army Commands, the First (Hq TOKYO) and the Second (Hq HIROSHIMA) General Armies, formed to control the ground forces of JAPAN, probably exclusive of HOKKAIDO. This is a logical development from the organization of JAPAN into Area Army commands. The boundary between the two General Armies may follow the line between the Twelfth and Thirteenth Armies (see map, Annex A). General Defense Hq was absorbed in the formation of the First General Army.

The result of this command reorganization has been to place Japanese defense forces in the home islands on a tactical footing. The reorganization is not yet complete and it is believed that further developments will occur in the near future, particularly the appearance of additional numbered armies. The four area armies in HONSHU and SHIKOKU ultimately may have from eight to ten numbered armies under their control.

There are other indications of Japanese preparations for fighting in the home islands. Early in 1944 the Japanese Army established several numbered garrison commands throughout the home islands. Little is known about either the organization or function of these units, but it is believed that they may be some kind of local defense organization, possibly drawing upon reservists living in the area of the command Hq for their personnel. In June 1944, the antiaircraft defense regiments in JAPAN were redesignated as antiaircraft artillery regiments. Antiaircraft artillery regiments had previously been found only in operational areas.

3. HONSHU: In January 1944 estimated Japanese ground strength on HONSHU was 420,000; major defense forces consisted of the following units:

- 4 district armies (two of which had Hq on HONSHU)
- 5 active divisions
- 7 depot divisions
- 2 tank regiments (2nd and 19th)
- 4 fortresses

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Since that time the following divisions were dispatched from HONSHU to other areas:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION ON HONSHU</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
42nd Div	SENDAI	Feb-March 1944	KURILES
43rd Div	NAGOYA	May 1944	SAIPAN
47th Div	HIROSAKI	Sept-Oct 1944	CHINA
53rd Div	KYOTO	Dec 1943-Jan 1944	BURMA

Since January 1944 the following new divisions were formed in HONSHU:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE OF FORMATION</u>	<u>PROBABLE PRESENT LOCATION</u>
3rd Guards Div	April 1944	TOKYO Area
44th Div	April 1944	SAKAI
72nd Div	April 1944	SENDAI Area
73rd Div	By July 1944	NAGOYA Area
81st Div	April 1944	UTSUNOMIYA Area
84th Div	By July 1944	HIMEJI Area
93rd Div	July 1944	KANAZAWA Area

The estimated disposition of major Japanese Army forces on HONSHU is shown on Annex B.

The following table shows the dates when active divisions are known to have been last formed in the ten divisional districts on HONSHU:

<u>DIVISIONAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>DATE OF FORMATION OF LAST KNOWN ACTIVE DIVISION</u>
HIROSAKI	June 1943 (47th Div)
SENDAI	April 1944 (72nd Div)
UTSUNOMIYA	April 1944 (81st Div)
TOKYO	April 1944 (3rd Guards Div)
NAGANO	(Created in February 1945 and believed occupied since then by an unidentified depot division)
KANAZAWA	July 1944 (93rd Div)
NAGOYA	July 1944 (73rd Div)
KYOTO	October 1940 (53rd Div)
OSAKA	April 1944 (44th Div)
HIROSHIMA	Prior to 1940 (5th Div)

It is believed that all of the above Divisional Districts, with the possible exception of NAGANO, are capable of activating new divisions at any time.

Japanese ground strength on HONSHU has increased from an estimated 420,000 in January 1944 to an estimated 916,000 in April 1945. The strength estimate for HONSHU includes a figure of 2,000 for AWAJI ISLAND (in the INLAND SEA) and a figure of 23,000 for the IZU ISLANDS (S of TOKYO BAY).

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4. IZUS. The IZU ISLANDS have been strengthened considerably by the Japanese since January of 1944; two independent mixed regiments were ordered to the IZUS after the Allied invasion of the MARIANAS and an independent mixed brigade was identified on HACHIJO after the Allied invasion of IWO. A chronology of Japanese strengthening of the IZUS follows:

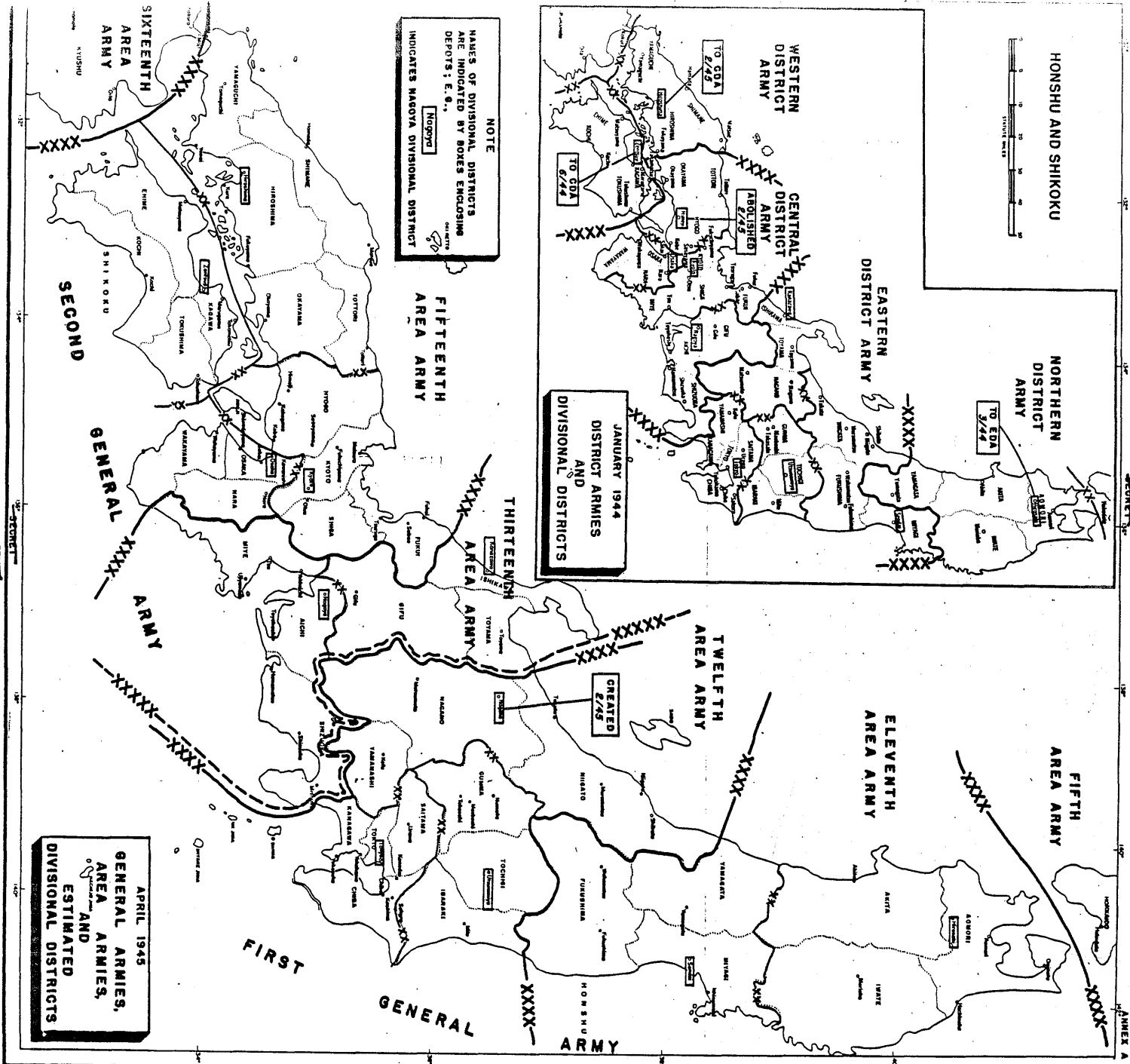
<u>DATE</u>	<u>JAPANESE DEVELOPMENT</u>
May 1944	Niijima and Hachijojima Dets identified
July 1944	16th and 18th Ind Mixed Regts ordered to IZUS.
March 1945	67th Ind Mixed Brig identified on HACHIJOJIMA.
April 1945	Terijima Det identified.

In view of the probable location of the Thirty-sixth Army in CHIBA PREFECTURE, it is possible that the IZUS may be under its control.

5. SHIKOKU. The 55th Depot Div has occupied the Zentsuji Divisional District since late in 1941. It has formed no new divisions since then. With the exception of the recently organized Fifty-fifth Army, it is the only unit of any importance identified on SHIKOKU. The appearance of the Fifty-fifth Army, however, suggests that SHIKOKU has either been recently reinforced or soon will be. The Army Hq is believed to be at KOCHI and subordinate to the Fifteenth Area Army at OSAKA. Strength on SHIKOKU is presently estimated at 48,000.

6. Future Strength Increases. The development of the Japanese defense organization in the home islands has shown a very direct reaction to the Allied advances in the PACIFIC. The invasion of the RYUKYUS will give these preparations increased impetus. The rapid organization of tactical units from depot units can be expected, and is probably now in progress. This can increase very substantially the strength of the Japanese Army in JAPAN. Another source of strength lies in the units now on the continent of ASIA and in the KURILES, some of which can still be withdrawn to JAPAN. Early in April large troop movements from KOREA and MANCHURIA to JAPAN were begun. It is estimated that in April alone as many as from 30,000 to 60,000 men were scheduled for movement. Withdrawals to JAPAN from the KURILES were also observed during April. There can be no doubt but that the Japanese will muster all possible strength to resist a landing in JAPAN.

7. Annexes. The reorganization of command and the estimated disposition of Japanese Army ground forces on HONSHU and SHIKOKU are shown on maps, Annexes A and B. The details of the current strength estimate and a list of identified ground units in the area are set forth in Annex C.



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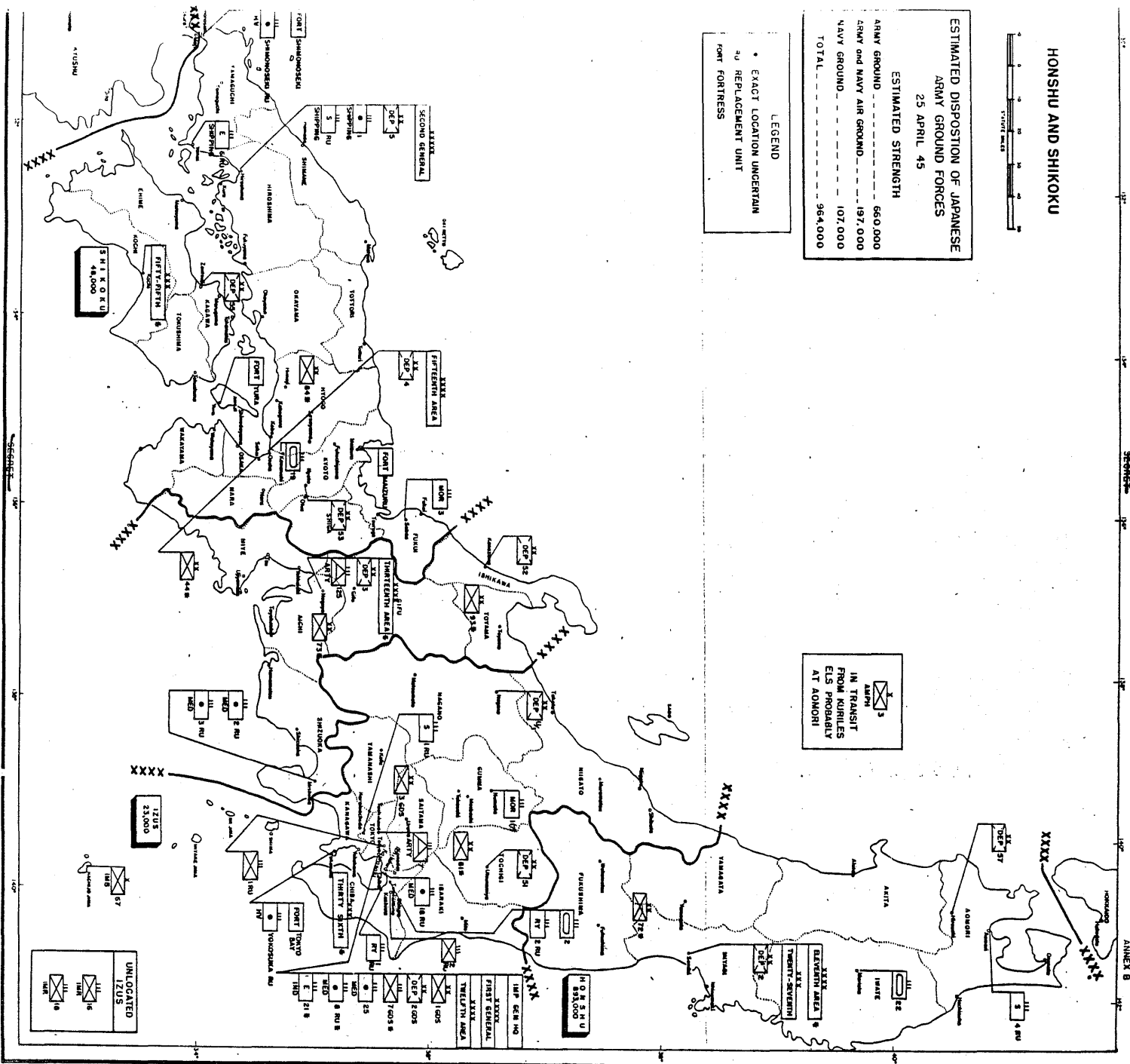
ARMY and NAVY AIR GROUND - - - 197,000

NAVY GROUND	107,000
TOTAL	964,000

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Annex C

HONSHU AND SHIKOKU

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1. Estimated Ground Strength.

a. Army ground strength by Area Army commands:

	<u>Identified Army Ground Units</u>	<u>Est Army Ground Strength</u>
Eleventh Area Army	66,490	90,000
Twelfth Area Army	175,190	240,000
Thirteenth Area Army	91,060	130,000
Fifteenth Area Army	148,670	200,000
Unlocated HONSHU	17,250	--
Unlocated JAPAN	11,600	--
	<u>510,260</u>	<u>660,000</u>

b. Total ground strengths by islands:

	<u>Est Army Ground</u>	<u>Est Army Air Ground</u>	<u>Est Navy Air Ground</u>	<u>Est Navy Ground</u>	<u>Est Total</u>
HONSHU	610,000	86,000	98,000	100,000	893,000
SHIKOKU	30,000	2,000	11,000	5,000	48,000
IZUS	20,000	--	1,000	2,000	23,000
*KYUSHU	<u>112,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>73,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>229,000</u>
Totals	<u>772,000</u>	<u>106,000</u>	<u>183,000</u>	<u>132,000</u>	<u>1,193,000</u>

\*Basic study on KYUSHU was included as Inclosure No. 3 to Bulletin 56. Air ground strengths have increased 19,000 since then.

2. Identified Ground Units.

	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
Imperial General Hq	TOKYO	4,000
First General Army	TOKYO	<u>2,500</u>
Eleventh Area Army Area		
<u>Army Units</u>		
Eleventh Area Army	SENDAI ?	500
Twenty-seventh Army	SENDAI	500

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
Eleventh Area Army Area (cont'd)		
<u>Army Units (cont'd)</u>		
72nd Div	SENDAI Area	20,350
2nd Depot Div (-)	SENDAI	20,000
16th Inf Regt Repl Unit (2nd Depot Div)	NIIGATA	
29th Inf Regt Repl Unit (2nd Depot Div)	FUKUSHIMA	
57th Depot Div (-)	HIROSAKI	20,000
52nd Inf Regt Repl Unit (57th Depot Div)	AOMORI	
117th Inf Regt Repl Unit (57th Depot Div)	AKITA	
132nd Inf Regt Repl Unit (57th Depot Div)	YAMAGATA	
57th Engr Regt Repl Unit (57th Depot Div)	MORIOKA	
22nd Tank Regt	MORIOKA	850
4th Sig Regt Repl Unit	AOMORI	2,400
1st Shipping Engr Regt Repl Unit	ISHINOMAKI	1,200
1st(?) Shipping Transport Comd Br	NIIGATA	50
Military Hosps		<u>640</u>
Total Army Units		66,490*

<u>Navy Units</u>		
Ominata Guard Dist	OMINATA	1,000
Ominata Guard Force	OMINATA	1,000
Ominata Def Force	OMINATA	400
Onagawa Def Force	ONAGAWA	400
Tsugaru Def Force	TSUGARU	200
Ominata AA Def Sector Comd	OMINATA	<u>1,500</u>
Total Navy Units		<u>4,500</u>
Total Units in Eleventh Area Army Area		<u>70,990</u>

\*The 3rd Amph Brig is en route from PARAMUSHIRO to JAPAN. Elements have been tentatively identified at AOMORI, N HONSHU.

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
Twelfth Area Army Area		
HONSHU		
<u>Army Units</u>		
Twelfth Area Army	TOKYO	500
Thirty-sixth Army	CHIBA Area ?	500
1st Gds Div	TOKYO	20,350
3rd Gds Div	TOKYO Area	20,350
81st Div	UTSUNOMIYA Area	20,350
2nd Gds Depot Div (-)	TOKYO	20,000
5th Gds Inf Regt Repl Unit (2nd Gds Depot Div)	SAKURA	
51st Depot Div (-)	UTSUNOMIYA	20,000
102nd Inf Regt Repl Unit (51st Depot Div)	MITO	
115th Inf Regt Repl Unit (51st Depot Div)	TAKASAKI	
51st Engr Regt Repl Unit (51st Depot Div)	MITO	
U/i Depot Div	NAGANO	20,000
7th Gds Inf Regt	TOKYO ?	3,000
1st Inf Repl Unit	KAWASAKI	3,000
2nd Inf Repl Unit	KASHIWA	3,000
Tokyo Bay Fortress	YOKOSUKA	2,000
Yokosuka Hv Arty Regt Repl Unit	YOKOSUKA	1,400
25th Medium Arty Regt	TOKYO	1,100
8th Medium Arty Regt Repl Unit	TOKYO ?	1,100
18th Medium Arty Regt Repl Unit	ICHIKAWA	1,100
7th AAA Regt	TACHIKAWA	1,100
1st? Mortar Regt	NUMATA	1,850
21st Ind Engr Regt	TOKYO ?	1,000



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Twelfth Area Army Area (cont'd)

	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
<u>Army Units (cont'd)</u>		
1st Fld Cons Unit	TOKYO	50
2nd Tank Regt	TSUDANUMA	850
1st Sig Regt Repl Unit	HARAMACHIDA	2,400
1st Shipping Transport Comd Br	TOKYO	50
1st Ry Regt Repl Unit	CHIBA	2,500
2nd Ry Regt Repl Unit	TSUDANUMA	2,500
Military Hosps		<u>3,640</u>
Total Army Units		153,690*

<u>Navy Units</u>		
Yokosuka Naval Dist	YOKOSUKA	3,200
Tateyama Guard Force	TATEYAMA	1,000
Yokohama Guard Force	YOKOHAMA	1,000
Yokosuka Guard Force	YOKOSUKA	1,000
Kurihama Guard Force	KURIHAMA	1,000
Tokyo Guard Force	TOKYO	1,000
Yokosuka Def Force	YOKOSUKA	400
Yokosuka-Tokyo AA Def Sector Comd	YOKOSUKA-TOKYO	10,000
Yokosuka Naval Barracks	YOKOSUKA	2,000
Cons and Repair Sch	YOKOSUKA	1,000
Communication Sch	YOKOSUKA	1,200
Civil Engr Sch	YOKOSUKA	500
Yokosuka Gunnery Sch	YOKOSUKA	2,500
Tateyama Gunnery Sch	TATEYAMA	3,500
Intendances Sch	TOKYO	500
Medical Sch	TOKYO	500
Machinist Sch	YOKOSUKA	1,400

\*Does not include strength of Imperial General Hq and First General Army.

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
Twelfth Area Army Area (ccnt'd)		
<u>Navy Units (cont'd)</u>		
Mine Sch	YOKOSUKA	1,000
Navigation Sch	YOKOSUKA	1,000
Submarine Sch	YOKOSUKA	700
Torpedo Sch	YOKOSUKA	1,300
Warrant Officers' Sch	YOKOSUKA	100
Tokyo Communication Unit	TOKYO	500
Tokyo Transportation Dept	TOKYO	100
Yokohama Br of Yokosuka Transportation Dept	YOKOHAMA	100
Tokyo Military Affairs Dept	TOKYO	100
Tokyo Civil Engr Dept	TOKYO	300
Radar Sch	CHIGASAKI	200
Radar Sch	FUJISAWA	200
Owada Communication Unit	OWADA	500
Intendance Sch Br	SHINAGAWA	200
Anti-Submarine Sch	YOKOSUKA	700
Technical Research Center	HIRATSUKA	<u>400</u>
Total Navy Units		<u>39,100</u>
Total Units in MONSHU		192,790
IZUS		
Hachijojima Det	HACHIJOJIMA	1,000
Torijima Det	TORIJIMA	1,000
Niijima Det	NIIJIMA	1,000
67th Ind Mixed Brig	HACHIJOJIMA	4,000
16th Ind Mixed Regt	IZUS	4,000
18th Ind Mixed Regt	IZUS	<u>4,000</u>
Total Units in IZUS		<u>15,000</u>
Total Units in Twelfth Area Army Area		<u>207,790</u>

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
Thirteenth Area Army Area		
<u>Army Units</u>		
Thirteenth Area Army	NAGOYA	500
73rd Div	NAGOYA Area	20,000
93rd Div	KANAZAWA Area	20,000
3rd Depot Div (-)	NAGOYA	20,000
34th Inf Regt Repl Unit (3rd Depot Div)	SHIZUOKA	
68th Inf Regt Repl Unit (3rd Depot Div)	GIFU	
3rd Engr Regt Repl Unit (3rd Depot Div)	TOYOHASHI	
52nd Depot Div (-)	KANAZAWA	20,000
69th Inf Regt Repl Unit (52nd Depot Div)	TOYAMA	
150th Inf Regt Repl Unit (52nd Depot Div)	NAGANO	
162nd Sp Gar Bn	NAGOYA	800
163rd Sp Gar Bn	NAGOYA	800
164th Sp Gar Bn	NAGOYA	800
101st Sp Gar Co	ATAMI	150
102nd Sp Gar Co	NAGOYA	150
103rd Sp Gar Co	KAKETSUKA	150
107th Sp Gar Co	SHIMODA	150
108th Sp Gar Co	OMAI ZAKI	150
2nd Medium Arty Regt Repl Unit	MISHIMA	1,500
3rd Medium Arty Regt Repl Unit	MISHIMA	1,500
Central AAA Gp	NAGOYA ?	150
125th AAA Regt	NAGOYA	1,100
104th Sp Gar Engr Unit	NAGOYA	200
105th Sp Gar Engr Unit	NAGOYA	200

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
Thirteenth Area Army Area (cont'd)		
<u>Army Units (cont'd)</u>		
106th Sp Gar Engr Unit	NAGOYA	200
Military Hosps		<u>2,560</u>
Total Army Units		91,060
<u>Navy Units</u>		
Tawra Guard Force	TAWRA	1,000
Ise Def Force	ISE	400
Hamana Naval Barracks	HAMANA	2,000
Numazu Naval Dockyard	NUMAZU	100
Tayogawa Naval Dockyard	TAYOGAWA	100
Sagamu Naval Dockyard	SAGAMU	<u>100</u>
Total Navy Units		<u>3,700</u>
Total Units in Thirteenth Area Army Area.		<u>94,760</u>

Second General Army	HIROSHIMA	<u>2,500</u>
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Fifteenth Area Army Area

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<u>Army Units</u>		
Fifteenth Area Army	OSAKA	500
44th Div	SAKAI ?	20,250
84th Div	HIMEJI Area	20,000
4th Depot Div (-)	OSAKA	20,000
61st Inf Regt Repl Unit (4th Depot Div)	WAKAYAMA	
4th Mt Arty Regt Repl Unit (4th Depot Div)	SHINODAYAMA	
4th Engr Regt Repl Unit (4th Depot Div)	TAKATSUKI	
4th Transport Regt Repl Unit (4th Depot Div)	SAKAI	

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
Fifteenth Area Army Area (cont'd)		
<u>Army Units (cont'd)</u>		
5th Depot Div (-)	HIROSHIMA	20,000
21st Inf Regt Repl Unit (5th Depot Div)	MATSUE	
42nd Inf Regt Repl Unit (5th Depot Div)	YAMAGUCHI	
53rd Depot Div (-)	KYOTO	20,000
119th Inf Regt Repl Unit (53rd Depot Div)	FUKUI	
151st Inf Regt Repl Unit (53rd Depot Div)	TSU	
53rd Engr Regt Repl Unit (53rd Depot Div)	FUSHIMI	
Maizuru Fortress	MAIZURU	2,000
Shimonoseki Fortress	SHIMONOSEKI	2,000
Yura Fortress	YURA	2,000
Shimonoseki Hq Arty Regt Repl Unit	SHIMONOSEKI	1,400
1st Shipping Arty Regt Hq	HIROSHIMA	2,300 (not all in Hiroshima)
3rd Mortar Regt	SABAE	1,250
12th Ind AA Def Bn	KOBE	500
19th Tank Regt	KAWANISHI	850
6th Shipping Engr Regt Repl Unit	YANAI	1,200
9th Shipping Engr Regt Repl Unit	WAKAYAMA	1,200
Shipping Fixed Sig Regt Hq	HIROSHIMA	100
Shipping Sig Regt Repl Unit	UJINA (HIROSHIMA)	1,500 (?)
Shipping Medical Unit	UJINA	750
11th Sea Transport Bn	WAKAYAMA	850
1st Rapid Transport Bn	HIROSHIMA	750

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Fifteenth Area Army Area (cont'd)

Army Units (cont'd)

Shipping Hq	UJINA	100
Repl Hq	HIROSHIMA	100
Fld Shipping Main Depot Hq	HIROSHIMA	175
Shipping Force Hq	HIROSHIMA	115
1st Shipping Transport Comd Br	HIROSHIMA	50
1st Shipping Transport Comd Br	KOBE	50
1st Shipping Transport Comd Br	OSAKA	50
1st Shipping Transport Comd Br	TSURUGA	50
1st Sea Pursuit Bn	FUKUYAMA	800
Sea Pursuit Repl Unit	FUKUYAMA	800
Launching Unit	UJINA	150 (?)
3rd Co of 2nd Shipping Sig Bn ?	SHIMONOSEKI	150 (?)

Military Hosps      2,280

Total Army Units

124,880\*

Navy Units

Kure Naval Dist	KURE	2,500
Maizuru Naval Dist	MAIZURU	1,700
Osaka Guard Dist	OSAKA	800
Kure Guard Force	KURE	1,000
Maizuru Guard Force	MAIZURU	1,000
Osaka Guard Force	OSAKA	1,000
Bungo Def Force	BUNGO STRAITS	400
Kii Def Force	KII STRAITS	400
Kure Def Force	KURE	400

\*Does not include strength of Second General Army.

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/C STRENGTH</u>
Fifteenth Area Army Area (cont'd)		
<u>Navy Units (cont'd)</u>		
Maizuru Def Force	MAIZURU	400
Osaka Def Force	OSAKA	400
Shimonoseki Def Force	SHIMONOSEKI	400
Kure AA Def Sector Comd	KURE	6,400
Maizuru AA Def Sector Comd	MAIZURU	3,500
Osaka AA Def Sector Comd	OSAKA	2,500
Kure Naval Barracks	KURE	4,000
Maizuru Naval Barracks	MAIZURU	3,000
Bafu Communication Sch	BAFU	800
Maizuru Engr Sch	MAIZURU /	250
Submarine Sch	HIROSHIMA	300
Etajima Naval Academy	ETAJIMA	1,500
Otake Naval Barracks	OTAKE	2,000
Takuyama Harbor Masters Office	TAKUYAMA	100
Hiro Naval Dockyard	HIRO	<u>100</u>
Total Navy Units		<u>34,850</u>
Total Units in HONSHU		159,730
SHIKOKU		
Fifty-fifth Army	KOCHI ?	500
55th Depot Div	ZENTSUJI	20,000
112th Inf Regt Repl Unit (55th Depot Div)	TAKAMATSU	
146th Inf Regt Repl Unit (55th Depot Div)	TOKUSHIMA	
144th Inf Regt Repl Unit (55th Depot Div)	KOCHI	
85th Div Sig Repl Unit (55th Depot Div)	MARUGAME	
Military Hosps		<u>790</u>
Total Units in SHIKOKU		<u>21,290</u>
Total Units in Fifteenth Area Army Area		<u>181,020</u>

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/C STRENGTH</u>
<u>Unlocated HONSHU</u>		
1st Gar Comd		100
2nd Gar Comd		100
3rd Gar Comd		100
11th Gar Comd		100
1st Ind Mortar Co		150
Eastern AAA Gp		200
112th AAA Regt		1,100
113th AAA Regt		1,100
114th AAA Regt		1,100
115th AAA Regt		1,100
116th AAA Regt		1,100
117th AAA Regt		1,100
118th AAA Regt		1,100
1st Ind AAA Co ?		125
2nd Ind AAA Co ?		125
3rd Ind AAA Co ?		125
Eastern District Army AA Def Intel Unit ?		100
1st AA Def Regt		1,100
1st Ind AA Def Bn		500
2nd Ind AA Def Bn		500
Eastern District Army Arty Unit ?		200
Central District Army Arty Unit		200
Central AAA Gp		200
121st AAA Regt		1,100
122nd AAA Regt		1,100
123rd AAA Regt		1,100
124th AAA Regt		1,100

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<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
<u>Unlocated HONSHU (cont'd)</u>	
GDA AA Def Intel Unit	100
11th Ind AAA Co	125
12th Ind AAA Co	125
Balloon Regt	800
1st Ry Transport Comd	<u>75</u>
Total Unlocated, HONSHU	<u>17,250</u>

<u>Unlocated JAPAN</u>	
21st Gar Comd	100
33rd Gar Bn	900
Gds Arty Gp	175
3rd Arty Gp	175
8th Medium Arty Regt	1,100
2nd Medium Mortar Bn	900
Arty Intel Regt Repl Unit	675
20th AA Def Regt	1,100
11th Ind AA Def Bn	500
31st Ind AA Def Bn	500
1st Ind AAA Bn	350
34th Ind AAA Bn	350
15th Ind AAA Co	125
22nd Ind AAA Co	125
30th Ind Fld AAA Co	175
1st AA Def Sig Unit	100
11th AA Def Sig Unit	100
31st AA Def Sig Unit	100
1st AA Def Obsn Unit	175
11th AA Def Obsn Unit	175

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	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
<u>Unlocated JAPAN (cont'd)</u>		
21st AA Def Obsn Unit		175
31st AA Def Obsn Unit		175
32nd AA Def Obsn Unit		175
33rd AA Def Obsn Unit		175
1st AA Def Balloon Unit		100
21st AA Def Balloon Unit		100
1st SL Regt		1,000
1st Machine Cn Bn		350
2nd Machine Cn Bn		350
3rd Ind Antitank Co		150
63rd Ind Wire Co		425
67th Ind Wire Co		450
2nd Launching Unit		150
26th Ry Sta		25
Mobile Transport Repl Unit		-
Total Unlocated, JAPAN		<u>11,600</u>

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N CHINA--ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW

1. General. At the end of 1943 a substantial portion of the strategic reserve of the Japanese Army was located in N CHINA. Although since that time the Japanese have drawn seven divisions from the reserve in an attempt to hold their PACIFIC conquests and to strengthen their offensive power in CENTRAL and S CHINA, they have continued to build up and train an army in N CHINA both by the formation of new units and the expansion of brigades into divisions. The net result, however, has been a decline in the estimated strength in N CHINA from a peak of 450,000 in December 1943 to 320,000 at present.

2. Movement out of N CHINA (see Annex A).

a. Six\* of the seven divisions drawn from N CHINA were of the triangular type and were activated during or prior to 1939. Two of the six triangular divisions, the 32nd and 37th, were activated in JAPAN and moved to CHINA in 1939 and the other four were first identified in CHINA in that year. These six divisions were, therefore, first class offensive units having had five years training when they left N CHINA. The seventh division to move, the 62nd, was a brigaded type division which had been organized with the 4th Ind Mixed Brig as a nucleus in June 1943.

b. Of the five divisions drawn from N CHINA prior to the Allied invasion of the MARIANAS in June 1944, one, the 32nd, left in December 1943 and two more, the 35th and 36th, in April 1944. All three of these divisions moved to the HALMAHERA-NEW GUINEA area, the elements of the 35th Div, which left for PALAU in March, arriving in NW NEW GUINEA and the ST ANDREWS ISLANDS in May 1944. The other two divisions, the 27th and 37th, which were engaged in the campaign to occupy the Peiping-Hankow RR, continued to participate in operations in CENTRAL and S CHINA, taking part in the operations against KWEILIN and LIUCHOW. The Japanese drew upon N CHINA for two more divisions during August, one of which moved to the PHILIPPINES and the other to the RYUKYUS.

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\* The 26th, 27th, 32nd, 35th, 36th and 37th Divs.

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3. Organization of new units (see Annex B).

a. To counteract the steady drain on their reserves the Japanese continued a program of training and expansion in N CHINA. In January 1944 they organized six independent infantry brigades, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9th and 10th. In many cases a Hq organization was provided by the transfer of the divisional infantry group Hq from an established division to the new independent infantry brigade. The troops were drawn from local units and from new recruits from JAPAN. In February 1944 an additional independent infantry brigade, the 14th, was formed and in July an independent mixed brigade, the 68th, so far unlocated but carried tentatively in N CHINA, was organized with elements of the 26th Div as a nucleus.

b. In July and August, after the MARIANAS were invaded, the Japanese began the expansion of brigades to divisions. Three independent infantry brigades, the 3rd, 4th and 9th, and one independent mixed brigade, the 7th, are known to have expanded into new divisions. There are indications that this program of expansion is continuing and it is possible that eventually most of the infantry brigades in N CHINA will be absorbed by new divisions. All of the four new divisions so far identified are brigaded type divisions formed by using the independent infantry battalions of a brigade and adding enough new battalions to bring the total for each division up to eight.

4. Effect on strength. The movements and organizations discussed in sections 2 and 3 above and their effect on strength in N CHINA are summarized in the following table:

Japanese Reaction in N CHINA  
to Allied Operations

Effect on strength

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Japanese Reaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Major Units</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>
Prior to Allied invasion of MARIANAS	(December 1943	Movement of 36th Div to NEW GUINEA	December 1943	12 divs 8 brigs	450,000
	(January-February 1944	Formation of seven Ind Inf Brigs (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 14th)			
	(April 1944	Movement of 32nd and 35th Divs to NEW GUINEA-KALMAHERA			
	(May-June 1944	Movement of 27th and 37th Divs to CENTRAL CHINA	July 1944	7 divs 15 brigs	360,000

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Japanese Reaction in N CHINA  
to Allied Operations

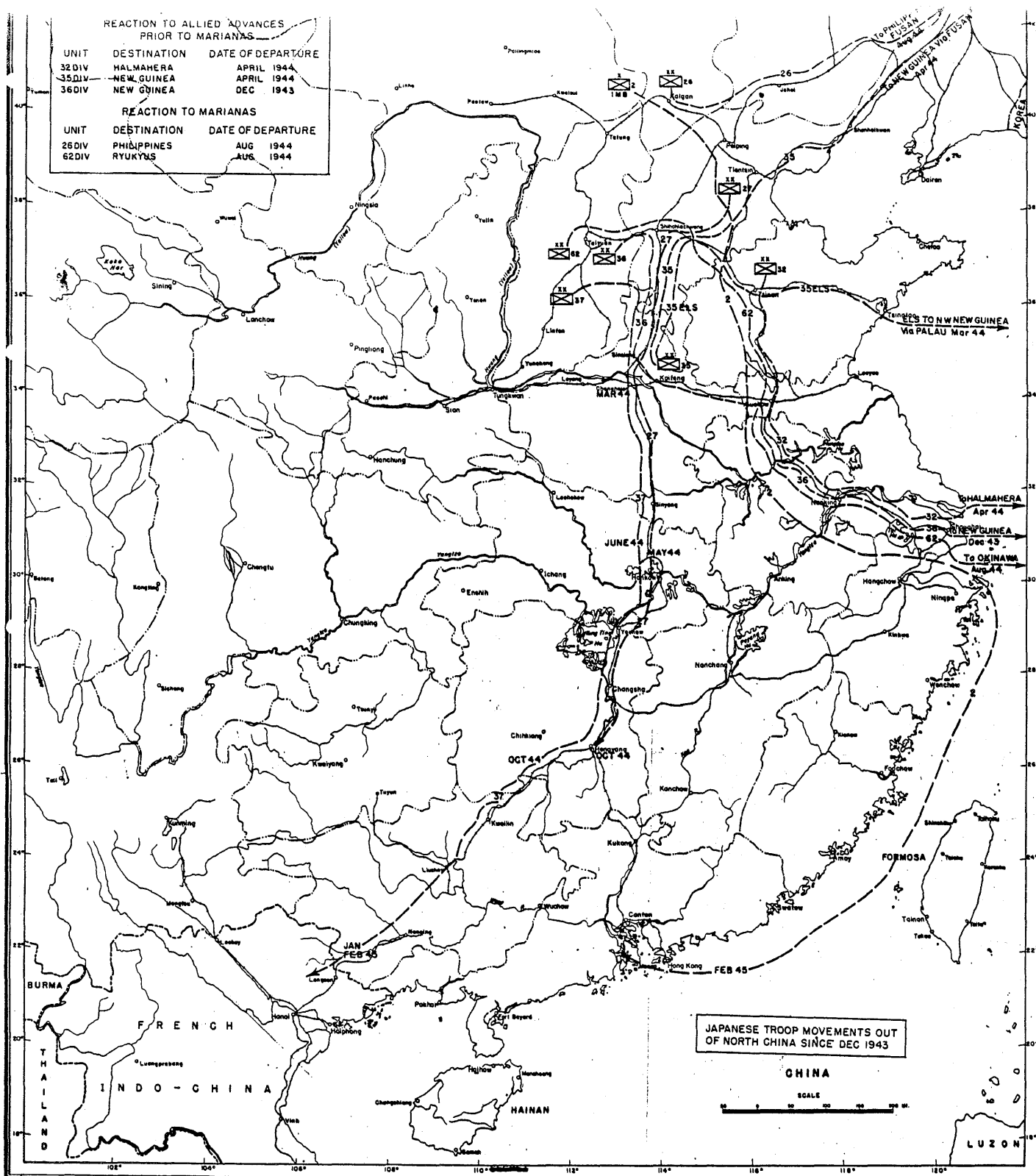
Effect on strength

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Japanese Reaction</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Major Units</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>
Reaction to Allied invasion of MARIANAS and PHILIPPINES	(July	Formation of			
	(	66th Ind Mixed			
	(	Brig			
	(July -	Conversion of			
	August	3rd, 4th and			
	to ( 1944	9th Ind Inf			
	Allied (	Brigs and 7th			
	invasion (	Ind Mixed Brig			
	of (	to 114th, 115th,			
	MARIANAS (	117th and 118th			
	and (	Divs			
	PHILIP-				
	PINES (August	Movement of 26th			
	(	and 62nd Divs to			
	(	PHILIPPINES and			
	(	RYUKYUS			
	(February	Movement of 2nd	April	9 divs	320,000
	( 1945	Ind Mixed Brig	1945	11 brigs	
	(	to S CHINA			

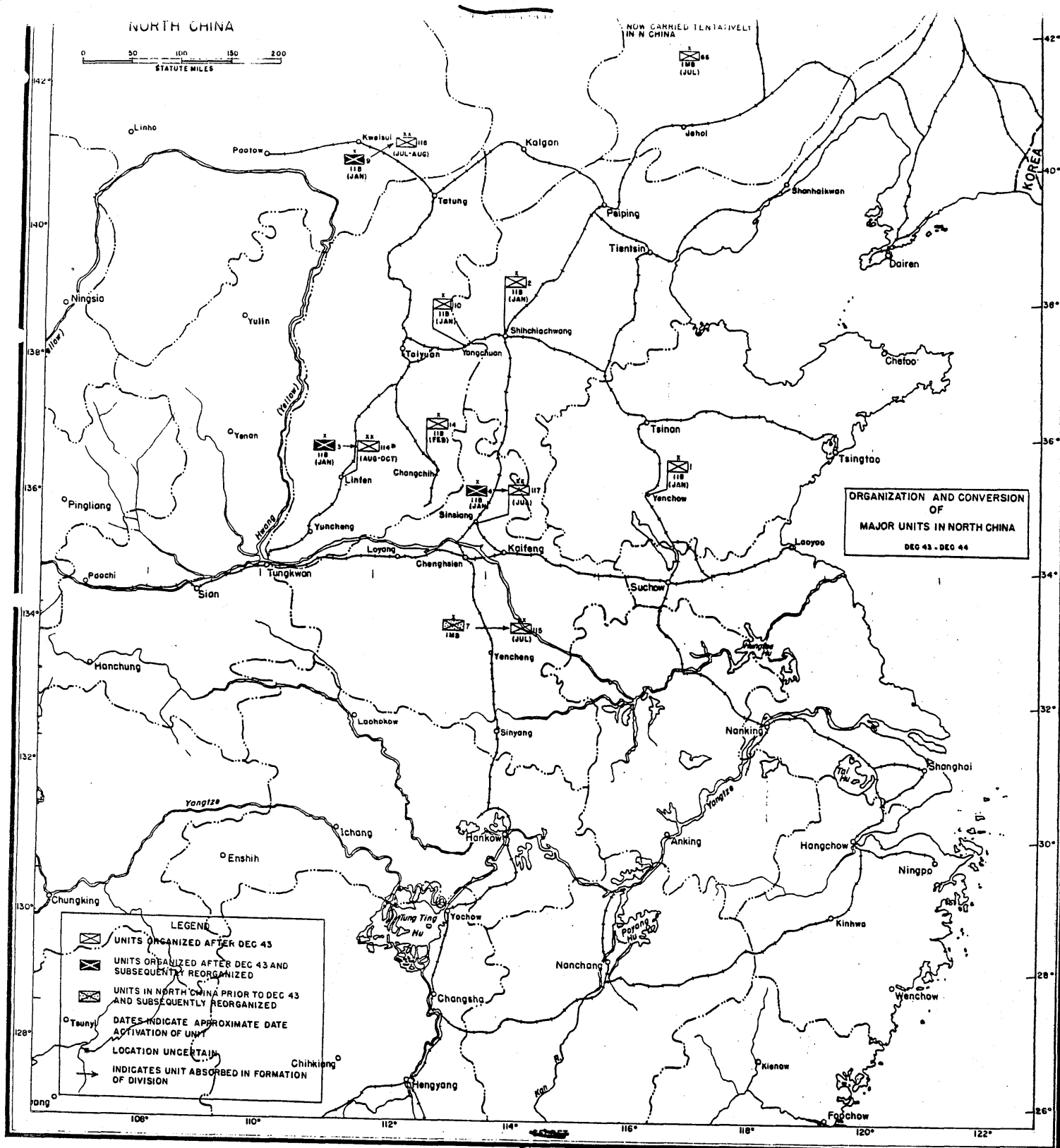
5. Present dispositions (see Annex C). Japanese troops in N CHINA are disposed to garrison primarily the principal cities and railroads. The country in between the main lines of communication are controlled by Chinese guerillas, either Communist or Kuomintang. The Japanese have effected a concentration of troops consisting of six divisions and one brigade\* in W HONAN and S SHANSI PROVINCES. Elements of these Units recently captured the Allied air base at LAOHOKOW and the concentration continues to threaten Allied air fields in this area.

6. Annexes. Movements, formations and dispositions of Japanese forces in N CHINA during the period covered in this Review are shown in Annexes A, B and C. A list of the identified ground units in N CHINA is set forth in Annex D.

\* 3rd Armd Div, 69th, 110th, 114th, 117th and 115th Inf Divs and 4th Cav Brig.



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Annex D

N CHINA  
IDENTIFIED JAPANESE ARMY GROUND UNITS

<u>Army Ground Units</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
North China Area Army Hq	PEIPING	500
First Army Hq	TAIYUAN	500
Twelfth Army Hq	CHENGHSIEN	500
Mongolia Car Army Hq	KALGAN	500
59th Div	TSINAN	12,000
63rd Div	PEIPING	12,000
69th Div	YUNCHENG	12,000
110th Div	LOYANG (Elms in LAOHOKOW drive)	17,900
114th Div	LINFEN ?	12,000
115th Div	YENCHENG area (Elms in LAOHOKOW drive)	12,000
117th Div	SINSIANG	12,000
118th Div	PAOTOW-TATUNG area	20,000
3rd Armd Div	HSIANGCHENG area (Elms in LAOHOKOW drive)	11,000
1st Ind Mixed Brig	HANTAN	6,000
3rd Ind Mixed Brig	HSUNCHIEN area	6,000
5th Ind Mixed Brig	TSINGTAO	6,000
8th Ind Mixed Brig	TANGSHAN	6,000
9th Ind Mixed Brig	TSANGHSIEN	6,000
66th Ind Mixed Brig		4,000
1st Ind Inf Brig	YENCHOW	5,000
2nd Ind Inf Brig	SHIHCHIACHUANG	5,000
10th Ind Inf Brig	YANGCHUAN	5,000
14th Ind Inf Brig	CHANGCHIH	5,000
4th Cav Brig	WUYANG area	5,500
1st Ind Mt Army Regt		2,750
6th Med Arty Regt		2,325

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<u>Army Ground Units (con't)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
15th AAA Regt		1,100
10th Antitank Co		150
38th Ind Engr Regt ?		1,000
40th Ind Engr Regt	TUNGKUAN	1,000
24th Bridge Building Material Co		545
25th Bridge Building Material Co		545
31st Bridge Building Material Co		545
Guard Div Bridge Building Co		545
N China Fld Well Drilling Co		185
5th Sig Regt		2,400
9th Sig Regt		2,400
10th Sig Regt		2,400
11th Sig Regt		2,400
1st Ind Transport Regt		3,000
58th Ind Transport Co		400
21st Motor Transport Regt		1,500
22nd Motor Transport Regt		1,500
23rd Motor Transport Regt		1,500
24th Motor Transport Regt		1,500
25th Motor Transport Regt		1,500
26th Motor Transport Regt	TSINAN	1,500
27th Motor Transport Regt		1,500
6th L/C Motor Transport Unit	TSINAN	400
87th L/C Motor Transport Co	TSINAN	175
Kalgan Military Hosp	KALGAN	300
Linfen Military Hosp	LINFEN	300
Changchih Military Hosp	LUAN	300

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<u>Army Ground Units (con't)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
Paoting Military Hosp	PAOTING	300
Peitaho Military Hosp	PEITAH0	300
1st Peiping Military Hosp	PEIPING	300
2nd Peiping Military Hosp	PEIPING	300
Sinsiang Military Hosp	SINSIANG	300
Taiyuan Military Hosp	TAIYUAN	300
Tatung Military Hosp	TATUNG	300
Tientsin Military Hosp	TIENTSIN	300
Tsinan Military Hosp	TSINAN	300
Tsingtao Military Hosp	TSINGTAO	300
Yangchuan Military Hosp	YANGCHUAN	300
Yuanping Military Hosp	YUANPING	300
Yuncheng Military Hosp	YUNCHENG	300
N China Vet Quarantine Hosp		150
N China Water Supply & Purif Depot		325
Br, 2nd Shipping Transport Comd	TAKU	50
Br, 2nd Shipping Transport Comd	TSINGTAO	50
1st Waterways Transport Unit		1,500
6th Ry Regt		2,500
13th Ry Regt		2,500
27th Ry Sta		25
28th Ry Sta		25
49th Ry Sta		25
51st Ry Sta		25
64th Ry Sta		25
66th Ry Sta		25
11th Armd Train Unit		500
N China Fld Ord Depot		375

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<u>Army Ground Units (con't)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
N China Fld Motor Transport Depot		425
N China Area Army Fld Freight Depot		300
N China Fld Rmt Depot		100
N China Sp Car Unit	PEIPING	1,500
1st Fld PO	PEIPING	20
3rd Fld PO		20
4th Fld PO	TSINGTAC area	20
5th Fld PO	TSINGTAC area	20
7th Fld PO		20
8th Fld PO		20
11th Fld PO		20
12th Fld PO	KAIFENG area	20
35th Fld PO	TATUNG area	20
37th Fld PO		20
53rd Fld PO		20
80th Fld PO		20
82nd Fld PO		20
84th Fld PO		20
85th Fld PO		20
86th Fld PO		20
87th Fld PO	HOTSIN	20
88th Fld PO		20
89th Fld PO		20
90th Fld PO		20
91st Fld PO		20
97th Fld PO		20
98th Fld PO		20
99th Fld PO	TAIYUAN	20

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<u>Army Ground Units (con't)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>T/O STRENGTH</u>
120th Fld PO		20
121st Fld PO	TATUNG area	20
131st Fld PO	TATUNG area	20
132nd Fld PO	TATUNG area	20
133rd Fld PO	TATUNG area	20
135th Fld PO		20
164th Fld PO		20
165th Fld PO		20
168th Fld PO	HANTAN	20
172nd Fld PO		20
173rd Fld PO		20
	Total	<u>233,090</u>

Navy Ground Units

Tsingtao Base Force	TSINGTAO	1,500
Weihaiwei Sp Naval Landing Force	WEIHAIWEI	<u>500</u>
	Total Identified Ground Units	<u><u>235,090</u></u>

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The following is the weekly list of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL (all dates are 1944 unless otherwise specified).

MINOR UNITS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
5th Commando Unit	Unlocated	November	
1st. 2nd Ind Machine Gun Bns	Dropped		Destroyed on IWOJIMA
1st Ind Mt Arty Bn	Unlocated	November	
1st Ind AAA Bn	E JAPAN	July	
1st Machine Cn Bn	E JAPAN	July	
23rd Ind Antitank Bn	LUZON	December	
24th Ind Antitank Bn	LUZON	January 1945	
61st Ind Tankette Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: SUMATRA
39th Fld Road Cons Unit	ERVENTA	March	Formerly carried: SOLOMONS (2/43)
92nd Cons Duty Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: BURMA
20th Sig Regt	Dropped		Formerly carried: Unlocated
56th Fixed Radio Unit	Unlocated	November	
47th Ind Motor Transport Bn	MANCHURIA?	October 1943	
59th Ind Motor Transport Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: BURMA
260th Ind Motor Transport Co	LUZON	November	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
75th Ind Motor Transport Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: BURMA
1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th Motor Transport Regts	Dropped		Formerly carried: MANCHURIA
180th L/C Motor Transport Co	MEDAN	October	
187th L/C Motor Transport Co	BURMA	October	
78th L/C Hosp	LUZON	January 1945	
119th L/C Hosp	Dropped		Formerly carried: BURMA
106th Sea Duty Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: PHILIPPINES
74th Land Duty Co	SINGAPORE	September	
109th Land Duty Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: BURMA
1st, 2nd, 3rd Sea Transport Obsn Units	Dropped		Formerly carried: Unlocated
3rd, 4th Flt Freight Depots	Dropped		Formerly carried: Unlocated
11th Flt Ord Depot	Dropped		Formerly carried: Unlocated
North China Sp Gar Unit	PEIPING ✓	September	
1st Bn	TANGSHAN ✓	September	
North China Sp Gar Unit			
2nd Bn	TEHSIEN ✓	September	
21st Gar Bn	JAPAN?	November	
29th Sp Gar Co	TOKYO area?	November	
65th L/C Gar Unit	MANCHURIA? ✓	January	

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A. SUMMARY.

1. JAPAN--Location of Fifty-fifth Army and 44th Div Hqs. (B.1.g.)
2. HOKKAIDO--Identification of 89th Div. (B.2.g.)
3. RYUKYUS--Identification of 2nd Inf Brig and location of 27th Tank Regt. (B.3.g.)
4. FORMOSA--Identification of 75th Ind Mixed Brig. (B.3.b.)
5. KOREA--Identification of two new depot divisions. (B.4.b.)
6. MANCHURIA--Location Kwantung Defense Army Hq. (B.7.g.)
7. N CHINA--Location 118th Div. (B.8.g.)
8. CENTRAL and S CHINA--Identification of a new division. 19th Ind Mixed Brig dropped. (B.8.c.)
9. THAILAND--Location of 4th Div. (B.9.b.)
10. BURMA--Location of Burma Area Army Hq. Identification of 105th Ind Mixed Brig. (B.9.g.)
11. BORNEO--Location 71st Ind Mixed Brig Hq. (B.9.e.)
12. LUZON--Location of Fourteenth Area Army Hq. (B.9.f.)
13. New units--Identification of 150th Div. (B.11.g.)
14. Garrison Units. (C.1.)
15. Organization of 5th Div. (C.2.)
16. Japanese major generals. (C.3.)
17. Review of Order of Battle in BURMA. (Inclosure No. 2.)

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6. IDENTIFICATIONS, STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS.

1. JAPAN (less HOKKAIDO).

a. Strength estimate: 1,200,000, increased from 1,193,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is increased to 296,000 from 289,000 by reassessment.

b. New identifications: The 18th and 22nd Tank Regt Repl Units have been identified at KURUME and MORIOKA, respectively. It is assumed that the 18th and 22nd Tank Regts, heretofore carried at these two locations, have moved, so they will be carried tentatively in the KURUME and MORIOKA areas. (ATIS ED 325 TL 222 JX 44270 TL 239 16 Nov 4)

c. New locations and movements:

(1) The location of Fifty-fifth Army Hq at KOCHI is confirmed. (A565/021 GX 2540)

(2) The 44th Div, heretofore carried tentatively in the Osaka Div Dist, has now been identified at TAKASHI (4 m. S of SAKAI). (DX 275)

2. FIFTH AREA ARMY.

a. HOKKAIDO.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: A new division, the 89th, has been tentatively identified in the HOKKAIDO--S KURILES area. The Division may have been formed from units already in the area and, pending clarification of its organization, no strength changes will be made. (A548/033 A567/161 GX2564)

(3) No other changes.

b. KURILES.

(1) Strength estimate: 90,000, reduced from 92,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is decreased to 3,000 from 5,000 by reassessment.

(2) New identifications: For the tentative identification of the 89th Div in the HOKKAIDO--S KURILES area see par a. above.

(3) No other changes.

c. KARAFUTO.

(1) Strength estimate: 23,000, increased from 22,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is increased to 2,000 from 1,000 by reassessment.

(2) No other changes.

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3. TENTH AREA ARMY.

a. RYUKYUS.

(1) General: The 393rd Ind Inf Bn, a component of the 59th Ind Mixed Brig (IRABU JIMA), has (J51393) been identified. ~~(SECRET)~~

(2) Strength estimate: 116,000, reduced from 119,000. Army and Navy air ground strength is decreased to 6,000 from 7,000 and Navy ground to 16,000 from 18,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(3) New identifications: The 2nd Inf (RJ60503 Brig has been identified on OKINAWA. No strength change J50196) is made since this unit was formed from troops already in the area. ~~(SECRET)~~

(4) New locations and movements:

(a) The 272nd and 273rd Ind Inf Bns have been tentatively identified as components of the 45th Ind Mixed Brig (ISHIGAKI). These two Battalions, J38593 and the 271st (already tentatively identified as a component of the 45th Ind Mixed Brig--see Bulletin 55) have J38524 J38556 J51219 been tentatively located in YAEYAMA RETTO. J44238)

(b) The 27th Tank Regt has been identified in the RYUKYUS with at least elements on OKINAWA. Prior to this identification there were indications of its presence in MANCHURIA, and the Regiment is shown there, with a query, on the Chart, Inclosure No. 1. Appropriate changes will be made on next week's Chart.

b. FORMOSA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: The 75th Ind Mixed Brig has been identified. There are indications that this Brigade is in the PESCADORES and it is tentatively picked up there. No strength change is involved since this Brigade and the previously identified 76th Ind Mixed Brig (see Bulletin 59) are believed to be the two unidentified independent mixed brigades previously picked up in the PESCADORES and FORMOSA, respectively (see Bulletin 55).

(3) No other changes.

4. SEVENTEENTH AREA ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: 217,000, increased from 177,000. Army ground strength is increased to 200,000 from 160,000 to reflect the identification of two new depot divisions (see par b. below).

b. New identifications: Two new depot divisions have been identified, located at TAIKYU (SE KOREA) and

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KOSHU (SW KOREA). Their designations are unknown. (SEA Cable

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c. New locations and movements: The 101st FCC Daily Mixed Regt, heretofore carried unlocated in KOREA, has been identified at SEIKAKUDO (10 m. S of KEIKO). Rep 20 Apr J50108)

#### 5. OGASAWARA FORCE.

a. General: The following major units were destroyed on IWO JIMA and, with the exception of the Hq of the 109th Div, have been dropped from Order of Battle:

Hq 109th Div (Believed to have been since reconstituted)

2nd Mixed Brig (109th Div)

145th Inf Regt (Originally in 46th Div)

26th Tank Regt

17th Ind Mixed Regt (One Bn only--remainder on CHICHI)

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b. No other changes.

#### 6. THIRTY-FIRST ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: unchanged.

b. New identifications: none.

c. New locations and movements: The Hq and main force of the 11th Ind Mixed Regt have moved from PULUWAT to TRUK. Some elements of the Regiment remain on PULUWAT. (J47976)

#### 7. KWANTUNG ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: unchanged.

b. New identifications: none.

c. New locations and movements: Elements of Hq of the Kwantung Def Army have been identified at MUKDEN. The main Hq remains at HSINKING. (J23150 J10286) ~~(SECRET)~~

#### 8. CHINA EXPEDITIONARY ARMY.

a. N CHINA.

(1) General: The previously reported tentative identification of the 86th Inf Brig as a component of the 115th Div is confirmed by new evidence (see Bulletin 53). (CFBX 35271) ~~(SECRET)~~

(2) Strength estimate: unchanged.

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(3) New identifications: none.

(4) New locations and movements:

(a) The 118th Div, formerly carried unlocated in N CHINA (see Bulletin 54), is now located in the PAOTOW--TATUNG area with Hq at TATUNG (150 m. W of PEIPING). The 401st and 403rd Ind Inf Bns have been identified as components of this Division.

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(b) New information locates components of the 69th Div (Hq YUNCHENG) as follows:

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85th Ind Inf Bn PUCHOW ?

86th Ind Inf Bn PUCHOW ?

119th Ind Inf Bn YUNCHENG ?

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120th Ind Inf Bn YUNCHENG ?

69th Div Engr Unit TUNGCHEN ?

69th Div Transport Unit YUNCHENG

b. E CHINA.

(1) General: The 410th and 412th Ind Inf Bns are components of the 62nd Ind Mixed Brig.

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(2) Strength estimate: 133,000, increased from 126,000. Army and Navy Air ground is increased to 16,000 from 9,000 by reassessment.

(3) No other changes.

c. CENTRAL AND S CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 493,000, increased from 488,000. Army ground strength is increased to 460,000 from 455,000 to reflect the formation of a new division (see par (2) below).

(2) New identifications: The possibility that the 19th Ind Mixed Brig (Hq SWATOW) would be combined with reinforcements and converted into a division was reported in Bulletin 57. New evidence indicates that the conversion has been made. The 19th Ind Mixed Brig, therefore, is dropped from Order of Battle and a new division, designation yet unknown, is picked up in the SWATOW area. Strength for the area is increased to 15,000 from 10,000.

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(3) New locations and movements: An advance Hq of the Twentieth Army (Hq HENGYANG) has been identified at PAOCHING.

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S. SOUTHWEST ARMY.

a. FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 75,000, increased from 71,000. Army ground strength is increased to 59,000 from 58,000 to reflect the arrival of elements of the 4th Div (see par (3) below), and Army and Navy Air ground is increased to 11,000 from 8,000 by reassessment.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The (J40150) 4th Ren Regt (4th Div) and small supporting units have arrived in the PHOMPENH area from SUMATRA.

b. THAILAND.

(1) Strength estimate: 26,000, increased from 18,000. Army ground strength is increased to 21,000 from 13,000 to reflect the arrival of the bulk of the 4th Div (see par (3) below).

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The 4th Div (less elements in SUMATRA, BURMA and FRENCH INDO-CHINA) is picked up as having arrived in THAILAND from SUMATRA. The Division is now located at NAKHON NAYOK (60 m. NE of (J40150 BANGKOK)).

c. BURMA.

(1) General: The 187th and 188th Ind Inf Bns are now components of the 72nd Ind Mixed Brig. These two Battalions, formerly components of the 34th Ind Mixed Brig, came to BURMA from FRENCH INDO-CHINA in May 1944. The 542nd and 543rd Ind Inf Bns have also been identified as components of the 72nd Ind Mixed Brig. There are indications that the two battalions of the 51st Regt (4th Div) in BURMA may also have been absorbed in the 72nd Ind Mixed Brig. (USAF IB CRAX 4964 New Delhi CRAX 6210 ALE SEA #5479 J51517)

(2) Strength estimate: 138,000, reduced from 139,000. Army and Navy Air ground is decreased to 9,000 from 10,000 by reassessment.

(3) New identifications: The 106th Ind Mixed Brig has been identified, probably in BURMA. No change is made in BURMA strength since it is considered likely that the Brigade was formed from troops already in the area. (J51904)

(4) New locations and movements: Hq of the Burma Area Army is now located at MOULMEYAN.

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d. JAVA.

(1) Strength estimate: 39,000, increased from 37,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is increased to 8,000 from 6,000 by reassessment.

(2) No other changes.

e. BORNEO.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: Hq of the 71st Ind Mixed Brig, heretofore carried in S BORNEO, has been located at KUCHING (W BORNEO).

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f. LUZON.

(1) Strength estimate: 52,000, reduced from 60,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 43,000 from 51,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) Fourteenth Area Army Hq is now located at BAMBANG. (TIN  
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(b) The 406th and 408th Ind Inf Bns, components of the 61st Ind Mixed Brig, are located on CAMIGUIN IS and CALAYAN IS, respectively. (JX44686  
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g. CENTRAL AND S PHILIPPINES.

(1) Strength estimate: 54,000, reduced from 58,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 28,000 from 32,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) No other changes.

10. EIGHTH AREA ARMY.

No changes.

11. UNLOCATED UNITS--GENERAL.

a. A new division, the 150th, has been tentatively identified and added to Order of Battle. Its location is unknown. (J52252)

b. The 2nd Ind Mixed Regt, heretofore carried as unlocated, is believed to have been demobilized and is dropped from Order of Battle.

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## C. SPECIAL ARTICLES

### 1. GARRISON UNITS.

a. General. Garrison Commands (Keibi Shireibu), Special Garrison Battalions (Tokusetsu Keibi Daitai), Special Garrison Companies (Tokusetsu Keibi Chutai) and Special Garrison Engineer Units (Tokusetsu Keibi Kokeitai) form a structure of defense units apparently limited to the home islands of JAPAN, the KURILES, KOREA, the RYUKYUS and FORMOSA. Only 12 commands, 14 battalions, 33 companies and eight engineer units have been identified, but the numbers of identified units suggest that many more exist.

#### b. Functions.

(1) General. The available evidence is not sufficient to permit a conclusion as to the functions and composition of the Special Garrison units. The term "Tokusetsu Keibitai" has been used in Japanese broadcasts which apparently relate to the establishment of civilian defense organizations, but it is not known whether the units discussed in the broadcasts are the same as the numbered Special Garrison units which have been identified. The numbered Special Garrison units appear to be composed at least in part of military personnel since there have been two cases in which soldiers were called up and inducted into those units. It is therefore tentatively assumed that the numbered Special Garrison units are military, rather than civilian organizations, organized from over-age reservists, discharged veterans and men disqualified for strenuous service.

(2) Garrison Commands. The numbering patterns (see par d. below), the use of the term "Keibi" and their mutual appearance in early 1944 indicates that the Special Garrison Units are under the Garrison Commands. It is believed that the Commands, which are commanded by major generals or colonels, serve as local regional Hqs for the units in matters of administration, recruitment and training and that tactical control of the Special Garrison units probably rests largely with the regular Army units responsible for the area in which they are posted.

(3) Special Garrison Units. Available information indicates that the Special Garrison units (battalions, companies and engineer units) are used for coastal defense (in some instances manning batteries), line of communication defense, police duties and some role in anti-aircraft defense, supplementing regular Army units in these functions. Some of the Special Garrison Companies have been assigned to fortresses in the RYUKYUS and FORMOSA and subordinated to island garrison commanders in the KURILES. A map of the location of the Garrison units in one area showed that the Special Garrison Companies were situated in the coastal areas and Special Garrison Battalions and Engineer Units were concentrated in the

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vicinity of cities. The function of the Engineer Units is unknown, but they probably are used to assist in the construction of defenses. Special Garrison units may also be used to supply pre-conscription training for men scheduled for conscription.

c. Personnel. Twelve major generals and colonels have been identified as associated with the Garrison Commands. Most of them came from administrative or Hq posts in JAPAN, several had apparently been left behind when their former units left JAPAN, several apparently were passed over for promotions and all were at or near retirement age. This suggests that these officers would probably not be given posts involving much tactical responsibility. About 25 junior officers have been identified in transfers to or from Special Garrison units and of the eight officers assigned, rather than attached, the captains commanded battalions and the lieutenants commanded companies. The above identifications suggest that the top commands in the Garrison organization are held by regular Army officers near the retirement age and in addition there is a nucleus of trained junior officers. The remainder of the personnel probably consists principally of reservists, discharged veterans and men disqualified for strenuous service.

d. Numbering pattern. It is believed that the Garrison units follow a definite numbering pattern (see Bulletins 33 and 39). The numbering system was established prior to the reorganization of the command structure in JAPAN and how it has been affected by the creation of the six Area Armies in JAPAN is not known. The following table of all identified units best illustrates the numbering pattern:

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IDENTIFIED UNITS

Gar Comd	Location	Sp Gar Bn (a)	Location	SP Gar Co	Location	SP Gar Engr	Location
Eastern District	1st	1st	TOKYO Area?	(c)	TOKYO Area?		
	2nd	4th?(b)		29th			
	3rd	60th					
Central District	11th	162nd	WAGOYA	101st	ATAMI (Nagoya Dist)	104th	NAGOYA
		163rd	NAGOYA	102nd	KAMBARA (Nagoya Dist)	105th	NAGOYA
		164th	NAGOYA	103rd	KAKETSUKA (Nagoya Dist)	106th	NAGOYA
Western District	21st	254th		107th	SHIMODA (Nagoya Dist)	107th	
				108th	OMAIZAKI (Nagoya Dist)	108th	HIMEJI Area?
				209th	Funauke Fortress, RYUKYUS		
				210th	Funauke Fortress		
				211th	Nakagusuku Fortress, RYUKYUS		
				220th	Amami Oshima Fortress, RYUKYUS		
				221st	Amami Oshima Fortress		
				222nd	Amami Oshima Fortress		
				223rd	Nakagusuku Fortress		
				224th	Nakagusuku Fortress		
Northern District	30th	351st	KARAFUTO	301st	KARAFUTO		
	(d)			304th	KARAFUTO		
	31st	ABASHIRI, HOKKAIDO	352nd	322nd	ETOROFU		
	32nd	NEMURO?, HOKKAIDO	353rd	323rd	KUNASHIRI, KURILES		
	33rd		KARAFUTO	324th	KUNASHIRI		
				328th	KURILES?		



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IDENTIFIED UNITS (Continued)

Gar	Sp Gar	Sp Gar	Sp Gar	Sp Gar	Sp Gar	Sp Gar	Sp Gar
Comd	Location	Bn (a)	Location	Co	Location	Engr	Location
KOREA	41st					401st	KOREA
	42nd					402nd	KOREA
						408th	KOREA
FORMOSA (e)	501st	FORMOSA	501st,	FORMOSA			
			503rd				
	502nd	FORMOSA	504th	KEELUNG,	FORMOSA		
	551st	TAKAO, FORMOSA	505th	FORMOSA			
	552nd	TAIHOKU, FORMOSA	506th	PESCADORES			
			507th-				
			510th	FORMOSA			

- Notes:
- (a) The apparent existence of a series beginning with 1 and another beginning with 51 in each 100 block suggests that there are two types of battalions.
  - (b) Associated with FORMOSA. Possibly refers to an unidentified 504th Bn.
  - (c) One reference to 4th, 5th, 6th Cos in the KURILES may have involved 324th, 325th, 326th Cos. A 325th and 326th Co have not been identified.
  - (d) Exception to pattern of initial number of each block having terminal digit 1.
  - (e) A Takao Garrison Command has been identified. If part of the garrison organization, it should be numbered 51 or higher.

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e. Related units. The following four Garrison Battalions (Keibei Daitai) have been identified:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
21st	Unlocated
30th	KARAFUTO
33rd	N JAPAN
51st	Takao Fortress, FORMOSA

Although the word Special (Tokusetsu) has been omitted from the names of these units, the apparent numbering system, the subordination of the 30th Gar Bn to the 30th Gar Comd and the transfer of officers from the 30th Gar Bn to Special Garrison units make it probable that the Garrison Battalions are related to the Special Garrison Units.

f. Possible additional units. There are several indications of the existence of other Special Garrison units which have not been identified. The 209th-211th Sp Gar Cos were organized by the 46th Div, which left JAPAN in January 1944. The 6th Depot Div, which occupied the depot after the departure of the 46th Div, organized the 220th-227th Sp Gar Cos and the first date as of which those units were identified was in March 1944. This suggests that the units are formed in numerical order and, if so, many additional units obviously have been organized although not identified. The known existence of certain solid blocks of identified units suggests that the other blocks may be filled up at least within the numbers which have been identified. Special Garrison units have been identified in only a very limited number of areas and it is probable that units have been formed in many other areas.

g. Strength. Nothing is known of the strength of any of the garrison units, but the following arbitrary estimates have been made:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Garrison Commands	100	Believed a Hq organization.
Special Garrison Battalions	800	Strength of a normal infantry battalion.
Special Garrison Companies	150	Strength of a normal infantry company. Companies are not components of the battalions.
Special Garrison Engineer Units	500	Units have two or more companies.

On the basis of the above estimates, the strength reported by all identified units in the Garrison organization is estimated at 21,350. It is believed that the aggregate

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strength of existing units in the Garrison organization is considerably in excess of that figure.

## 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE 5TH DIV.

a. History. The 5th Div was formerly stationed in the AMBON-DUTCH NEW GUINEA area, having moved there in the latter part of 1942 from MALAYA. Early in 1944 the Division moved into the KAI and AROE ISLANDS. Although the 1941 Japanese Army Mobilization Plan lists the 5th Div as a strengthened type division with an approximate T/O strength of 24,000, there are no indications that the Division was actually so organized, and it is believed that at the time the Division moved to the KAI and AROE ISLANDS it was organized as a standard triangular division with an approximate T/O strength of 20,000. In June 1944, the Infantry Group Hq was demobilized. The commanding general, and possibly other personnel, were transferred to the 1st Ind Brig, located at MANOKWARI.

The planned movement of the 5th Div to the ASIATIC MAINLAND was reported in Bulletins 46, 49 and 57. The plans call for the movement of the bulk of the Division as follows:

(1) A group of 4,000 men, made up by drawing one infantry battalion from each of the three infantry regiments, was to move initially. Because the battalions of the Division had an actual strength of only 500-600, personnel from the Division Transport Regiment, Medical Unit and other subordinate units were added to them. It is possible that personnel from units other than the 5th Div are also included in the 4,000. The troops have now assembled at TOEAL, WAHAI and SAUMLAKKI.

(2) The second phase of the movement is to involve 4,000 additional men, including the following troops of the 5th Div:

11th Inf Regt	1,587
1st Bn, 5th FA Regt	392
5th Ren Regt	258
1st Engr Co	172
Medical Unit	221
2nd Fld Hosp	<u>315</u>
	2,945

The remainder of the 4,000 is to be made up by the inclusion of 460 troops and 563 laborers from units attached to the 5th Div.

(3) The final phase is to consist of the gradual transfer of the bulk of all troops, including the

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remainder of the 5th Div, from the E NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES-W NEW GUINEA area, leaving only enough to carry on guerrilla warfare.

b. Composition and Strength. The 5th Div's composition, probable T/O strength, and actual strength (after giving effect to the withdrawal of the men in the initial phase of the movement to the ASIATIC MAINLAND) are as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code No.</u>	<u>T/O Strength</u>	<u>Actual Strength</u>
Hq (5th Div Inf Gp Hq)	5171 (5172)	350 Demobilized June 1944. Possibly absorbed by the 1st Ind Brig.	
11th Inf Regt	5173	2,570	1,537
21st Inf Regt	5174	2,570	1,639
42nd Inf Regt	5175	2,570	1,614
5th Ren Regt. Hq, Four Cos	5177	600	391
5th FA Regt Hq, Three Bns, Am Tn	5179	2,100	1,357
5th Engr Regt Hq, Three Cos	5180	950	759
5th Div Sig Unit	5181	250	266
5th Div Transport Regt Hq, Three Cos	5182	750	273
5th Div Ord Duty Unit	5183	110	150
5th Div Medical Unit	5184	750	221
*5th Div (No. 1 Fld Hosp)	No references		
No. 2 Fld Hosp	5186	250 )	
(No. 3 Fld Hosp)	No references	)	
No. 4 Fld Hosp	5188	250 )	660
Total Div		<u>14,070</u>	<u>8,917</u>

The initial movement of troops from the 5th Div involved approximately 4,000 men. It can, therefore,

\* The No. 1 and No. 3 Fld Hosps were not included in the Japanese War Ministry Code List of July 1942, nor in any subsequent report or document pertaining to the 5th Div.

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be concluded that prior to that movement, the operational strength of the 5th Div was approximately 13,000, as compared to its T/O strength of 14,070.

There is some evidence that the infantry regiments of the Division were originally organized on a standard basis (four rifle companies), with a probable T/O of 3,845. In March 1945, because of the initial withdrawal of troops, the infantry regiments were reorganized as follows:

	Estimated T/O
Hq	175
Sig Co	140
Inf Gun Co	125
1st and 2nd Plats (probably two Type 41 Mt guns each)	
3rd Plat (probably two Type 92 Inf guns)	
Two Inf Bns (each 1,065)	2,130
Hq	150
Four Rifle Cos (each 205)	820
Three Rifle Plats	
One MG Plat	
Hv Wpns Co	95
Inf Gun Plat (probably two Type 92 Inf guns)	
Antitank Gun Plat (probably two 37 mm Antitank guns)	
Total for Inf Regt	<u>2,570</u>

It is believed that the personnel of the 106th, 109th, 114th and 118th Airfield Cons Units, the 31st and 32nd Sp Motor Transport Cos, the 1st Plat of the 29th Sp Motor Transport Co, and the 23rd and 24th Sp Sea Duty Cos were assigned to the 5th Div in order to bring up the strengths of each of the infantry regiments to the estimated T/O strength of 2,570.

### 3. JAPANESE MAJOR GENERALS.

Attached as Inclosure No. 3 is a list of all known major generals in the Japanese Army, giving their assignments as of 21 Apr 45. This completes the listing of Japanese general officers that was begun with the earlier publication of the names and assignments of all known field marshals, generals and lieutenant generals (see Bulletin 40).

### D. CODE NAMES AND NUMBERS.

The following is the weekly list of code names and numbers identified on an ULTRA level:

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>	<u>CODE NUMBER</u>
89th Div	Sai?	
75th Ind Mixed Brig	Okosu/KO/Ok1? (5281)	
76th Ind Mixed Brig	Ritsu?	

E. SUPPLEMENTS.

1. Chart showing dispositions and strengths of Japanese Army ground forces--Inclosure No. 1.
2. Review of Order of Battle in BURMA--Inclosure No. 2.
3. List of Japanese major generals--Inclosure No. 3.
4. List of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL--Inclosure No. 4.

F. IMPORTANT LATE DEVELOPMENTS.

1. A new Army, the Fifty-eighth, has been identified at KEIJO, KOREA. The Fifty-eighth is the first Army identified as subordinate to the Seventeenth Area Army, which is also located at KEIJO. Two unidentified active divisions, five depot divisions and a mixed regiment are presently carried in KOREA.
2. It was reported in Bulletin 59 that the 57th Div was moving from MANCHURIA to JAPAN, possibly to KYUSHU. Evidence now available indicates that the Division has arrived and it is being picked up in NW KYUSHU.

G. SECURITY.

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Unallocated Infantry Regiments: 7, 282, 284, 285, 286, 287  
Allotted Tank Regiments: 1, 5, 1 (4 AD)  
6, 7, 10 (4 AD)  
12, 13 (1 AD)  
281, 291, 306 (4 AD)



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BURMA - ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW

1. General. Order of Battle developments in BURMA can be divided into four overlapping phases of Japanese operations, i.e., the conquest of BURMA in the first half of 1942; the reinforcement of BURMA in the fall of 1943 to the summer of 1944; the Japanese offensives in 1944; and the Japanese retreat in 1944 and 1945.

2. The Japanese conquest of BURMA (see map, Annex A). Operations directed against BURMA began within 24 hours of the attack on PEARL HARBOR with landings by an infantry regiment of the Japanese 55th Div on the E coast of the KRA ISTHMUS. The Division had sailed from JAPAN for FRENCH INDO-CHINA in November 1941 and had landed at SAIGON in December 1941. The elements landing on the KRA ISTHMUS soon sent patrols across the BURMA border and the remainder of the Division moved overland to BURMA via BANGKOK. During the last half of January 1942 MERGUI, TAVOY and MOULMEIN were occupied. The 55th Div was followed into BURMA by the 33rd Div, which came from CENTRAL CHINA and had landed in BANGKOK in January 1942. Following the British withdrawal up the Moulmein-Pegu Railway, both Divisions participated in defeating the British at the SITTANG Bridge. PEGU was taken on 7 Mar and RANGOON was rendered untenable on the same day when forward elements cut the Rangoon-Prome Railway. RANGOON was occupied by the 33rd Div on 8 Mar.

The subsequent operations resolved themselves into two main drives up the chief avenues of communications from S to N BURMA. Presumably under the command of the Fifteenth Army, which had been formed in December 1941, the 55th Div on the E moved up the SITTANG RIVER Valley along the railway to MANDALAY and from MANDALAY through the IRRAWADDY RIVER Valley to MYITKYINA. On the W, the 33rd Div, less the 213th Inf Regt which turned off to invade the ARAKAN, pushed up the IRRAWADDY RIVER to PAKOKKU and thence up the CHINDWIN RIVER. Against the British and a Chinese force, brought down from YUNNAN, the two Divisions advanced respectively to TOUNGOO and PROME

Note: In BURMA the Japanese frequently detached elements from divisions to support units in different sectors. For reasons of simplicity these moves, in most instances, have not been mentioned in this review.

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by 2 Apr and to PYINMANA and the YENANGYAUNG oil fields by 19 Apr. During the first half of May, following the fall of MANDALAY and MONYWA on 1 May and of MYITKYINA a week later, organized resistance by large Allied units came to an end and the Allied retreat from BURMA began.

The difficulties which confronted the Chinese opposing the Japanese in BURMA were increased greatly by the 56th Div which landed at RANGOON in April from MANCHURIA. The Division moved N through the SHAN STATES of E BURMA, fought a decisive action at LOIKAW on 19 Apr, entered TAUNGGYI the following day and LASHIO on the 29th, effectively severing the Burma Road. By the end of May, the Division had crossed into CHINA and taken over the LUNGLING and TENGCHUNG area where it was to remain until driven out nearly three years later.

The 18th Div, less one of its four regiments, the 124th\*, had preceded the 56th Div into RANGOON. Fresh from its victories in MALAYA, the 18th Div had landed by April and moved to the SHAN STATES. Subsequently, it took over responsibility for the MOGAUNG-MYITKYINA-SUMPRABUM sector in N BURMA from the 55th Div, which was transferred to the ARAKAN. By the end of the dry season in May 1942, the Japanese had some 90,000 troops in BURMA, including the bulk of four divisions.

3. Reinforcement of BURMA (see map, Annex B). From the spring of 1942 to the autumn of 1943 no major forces were added to the Japanese Order of Battle in BURMA. However, the formation of the Burma Area Army in March 1943, probably in RANGOON where it remained until April 1945, indicates that a considerable increase of strength in the country was already planned.

The buildup of forces in BURMA began with the arrival of the 31st Div from the MALAY STATES. It arrived at RANGOON in August and was sent to the upper CHINDWIN VALLEY to join the 33rd Div on the Indian frontier. In December the 54th Div arrived from JAVA via SINGAPORE and established its Hq in PROME and by the end of the following month its units were distributed along the ARYAB-TAUNGUP sector of the BURMA coast. The Division has remained in SW BURMA.

In January 1944 advance elements of two additional divisions arrived in BURMA. The 2nd Div, having moved to SINGAPORE from the PHILIPPINES in November 1943, established its Hq in RANGOON early in January and in HENZADA by the end of the month. The bulk of its troops arrived via MOULMEIN in March. The other division, the 18th, left the NANKING area in August 1943 and moved to BURMA via SAIGON, BANGKOK, CHIENGRAI and KENG TUNG. Its Hq was established at PINLEBU in NW BURMA by January but all of its units did not arrive until March.

Remnants of the Regiment which had been on GUADALCANAL subsequently came to BURMA as part of the 31st Div.

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The Twenty-eighth Army was formed to command the three divisions (the 2nd, 54th and 55th) in SW BURMA. Its Hq was first identified in RANGOON by January but by March it was located in MAUDAING, 15 m. S of PROME.

In April 1944 a third Army, subordinate to the Burma Area Army, the Thirty-third with Hq at MAYMYO, was formed to command the forces in N BURMA.

The ninth and last division to arrive in BURMA during this period was the 53rd. The Division arrived at MOULMEIN in mid-April 1944 from JAPAN and moved to PEGU in the same month. Also during the period the 24th Ind Mixed Brig had been activated in December or January at MOULMEIN with the 48th and 49th L/C Sector Units as a nucleus.

4. Japanese offensives 1944 (see map, Annex B).

a. ARAKAN. The advance on INDIA began as early as 1943 with an offensive in the ARAKAN, where see-saw operations in the NAF and MAYU VALLEYS had been going on since 1942. The Japanese employed the 55th Div\*, the 111th Inf Regt (54th Div) and the 1st Bn of the 213th Inf Regt (33rd Div) in the offensive against the British forces disposed between MAUNGDAW and BUTHIDAUNG. The campaign proved to be a curtain-raiser to the Kohima-Imphal campaign and followed the same pattern on a smaller scale. By 20 Feb the Japanese had suffered heavy casualties and the attack had collapsed.

b. IMPHAL-KOHIMA. The Fifteenth Army, with Hq in the MANDALAY-MAYMYO area, commanding the 15th, 31st and 33rd Divs, the 14th Tank Regt and the 18th Medium Arty Regt, was given the task of crossing the CHIN HILLS and invading the valley of the BRAHMAPUTRA through IMPHAL and KOHIMA. The Japanese were feeling the pressure of a drive by the Chinese Army in INDIA, reinforced by American troops, into N BURMA and had been unable to stop it. Success in the Kohima-Imphal campaign would relieve the pressure in N BURMA by cutting the supply line of the Chinese forces, would disrupt the Allied plan to extend the Ledo Road to a junction with the Burma Road and would greatly enhance the prestige of Japan and perhaps arouse the peoples of INDIA against the British. Ample use of Indian National Army troops on the front for reconnaissance and propaganda purposes was made in this campaign as well as in the ARAKAN. The offensive, which began in the second week of March 1944, took a NW direction from the region between the CHINDWIN and the IRRRAWADDY RIVERS. The 31st Div in the N moved from SAKHAN to KOHIMA, the 15th in the center moved from PINLEBU to UKHRUL and the 33rd in the S from CHAUNGZON up the Tiddim road to BISHENPUR (16 m. SW of IMPHAL). The initial advance was completely successful and by April IMPHAL was cut off with the 33rd Div to the S and

\*The 144th Inf Regt of the Division, which had been in RANGOON, reached AKYAB in December in time to participate in the offensive.

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the 15th Div to the M and the Kohima Garrison was heavily engaged by the 31st Div. Hq of the Fifteenth Army moved to INDAINGYI late in April, but by 1 May the Japanese major advances had been stopped. Two battalions of the 61st Inf Regt (4th Div) arrived in MANDALAY in June 1944 from SUMATRA and were sent to the CHIN HILLS to reinforce the Fifteenth Army. By 1 July, however, the Army had begun to retreat.

c. N BURMA. The 18th Div had been called upon to stop the advance of the Allies in N BURMA but had been unable to do so. By the end of March the TARO and HUKAUNG VALLEYS had been lost to the Chinese, reinforced by American troops, and the communications of the 18th Div had been cut by a British airborne landing in its rear. In April the 24th Ind Mixed Brig and in May the 53rd Div were moved up the railroad to the INDAW-MOGAUNG sector to join the Thirty-third Army in support of the 18th Div. In spite of the reinforcements the vital MYITKYINA airfield fell to the Allies on 17 May and MOGAUNG was occupied on 26 June. Additional reinforcements for the Thirty-third Army, consisting of the 187th and 188th Inf Bns of the 34th Ind Mixed Brig, arrived at PEGU from TOURANE, FRENCH INDO-CHINA about 10 June and by July were fighting with the 53rd Div.

d. SALWEEN RIVER front. Meanwhile the 56th Div, which was also subordinated to the Japanese Thirty-third Army, was opposed by a Chinese force. The 2nd Div (Hq at HENZADA) moved to the SALWEEN front and was identified in the MANGSHIH area in September. Also in September the Thirty-third Army Hq moved to MANGSHIH. These movements suggested that a Japanese counter-offensive in the SALWEEN area might be planned but such an offensive never developed.

e. Order of Battle. In the middle of 1944 the major Army units in BURMA were as follows:

Burma Area Army

<u>Fifteenth Army</u>	<u>Twenty-eighth Army</u>	<u>Thirty-third Army</u>
18th Div	54th Div	2nd Div
31st Div	55th Div	15th Div
33rd Div		53rd Div
Elms of 4th Div		56th Div
		24th Ind Mixed Brig
		Elms 34th Ind
		Mixed Brig

Ground strength in BURMA on 1 July 1944 is estimated to have been: 205,000.

5. The Japanese retreat (see map, Annex C).

a. Final reinforcements. Possibly in order to provide the Burma Area Army with a reserve, preparations were made in April 1944 to ship the 49th Div from KOREA to

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BURMA. The earliest date that the Division was identified in BURMA, however, was October. By that month it had established Hq at PEGU and one of its infantry regiments, the 168th, was sent N to the SALWEEN front. The 49th Div was the last division to be sent to BURMA by the Japanese.

b. Retreat during 1944. During the latter part of the summer and the fall of 1944 the Japanese, suffering defeats on every front, pulled many of their units back to rear areas.

(1) ARAKAN. The 55th Div was en route to HENZADA by September, leaving the 54th Div to contend with the British drive, which by the end of 1944 had reached AKYAB. The Twenty-eighth Army Hq had retired to PAUNGDE by August and to TAIKKYI by December.

(2) CHIN HILLS. The three battered divisions of the Fifteenth Army fell back southeastward, the 33rd Div on the Tiddim Road, the 15th Div probably to the WUNTHO-PINLEBU area, and the 31st Div toward SHWEDO and MANDALAY. The Fifteenth Army Hq moved back from the KALEWA area to SHWEDO in September and to MAYMYO by November. At the end of the year the British advance between the CHINDWIN and IRRAWADDY RIVERS was moving SE almost unchecked.

(3) N BURMA. The seriously depleted 18th Div had been pulled back to the INDAW-KATHA area by mid-August and subsequently to NAMHKAM and MOGOK. Early in October the 24th Ind Mixed Brig returned to MOULMEIN. In November the two battalions of the 34th Ind Mixed Brig were withdrawn and were used for the formation of the 72nd Ind Mixed Brig during December 1944 at YENANGYAUNG, an important oil fields area. The two battalions of the 61st Inf Regt (4th Div) may also have been absorbed by the 72nd Ind Mixed Brig. The 53rd Div, left alone to defend the railroad S to MANDALAY, lost KATHA on 10 December. By the end of the year the Division had moved to the E bank of the IRRAWADDY and had been transferred to the Fifteenth Army to be used in the forthcoming defense of CENTRAL BURMA.

(4) SALWEEN. By mid-November 1944 the 2nd Div had withdrawn to THAGAYA, mid-way between MANDALAY and RANGOON, leaving the 4th Inf Regt\* on the SALWEEN front. The 16th Inf Regt of the Division was stationed in the MANDALAY area to serve as a reserve for the Fifteenth Army. Against the weakening resistance of the Thirty-third Army, the Hq of which retired to LASHIO in October, the Chinese forces captured MANGSHIH and were 40 m. S of BHAMO by the end of November, with BHAMO itself captured on 16 December. The long awaited junction of the Chinese forces from INDIA and YUNNAN and the opening of the Lado-Burma Road took place on 21 Jan.

\* The 3rd Bn of the Regiment was in BALI.

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c. Retreat during 1945.

(1) The climax of the campaign was reached in the struggle for CENTRAL BURMA. In January the Thirty-third Army on the right began withdrawing S. The Fifteenth Army in the center defended the IRRAWADDY crossings N and S of MANDALAY, and the Twenty-eighth Army took up its defense on the left astride the IRRAWADDY VALLEY S of PAKOKKU.

(2) Fifteenth Army. The Fifteenth Army (Hq at MAYMYO) had the task of defending approximately a 200 m. front along the IRRAWADDY covering MANDALAY and the plains to the S. The British, driving from the NW, were as far S as MYINMU by the end of January and reached PAKOKKU and PAGAN by the middle of February. The 15th and 53rd Divs, respectively, opposed the British bridgeheads N of MANDALAY, at THABEIKKYIN and KYAUKMYAUNG; across the river from MANDALAY the 31st Div held SAGAING; and the 33rd to the S guarded the E bank of the IRRAWADDY across from PAKOKKU. The Fifteenth Army, however, with a strength reduced below 30,000, was no longer capable of holding its defensive position following the British drive across the IRRAWADDY from PAGAN to MEIKTILA at the end of February. In the month of fighting that followed, Japanese losses were so serious that reinforcements had to be called in from the other Armies in BURMA.

(3) Twenty-eighth Army. On the left flank of the Fifteenth Army, the Twenty-eighth Army front, extending across the IRRAWADDY VALLEY S of PAKOKKU, was defended by the 72nd Ind Mixed Brig and the 153rd Inf Regt (49th Div) which appeared on the Tilin-Pakokku Road in January. Those forces were reinforced by elements of the 54th Div, including the Division Infantry Group, and part of the 154th Inf Regt. The 54th Div troops were taken from the ARAKAN where the Japanese had suffered heavy casualties in a vain effort to prevent the British occupation of the entire coast N of TAUNGUP by the end of March. A major part of the 112th Inf Regt (55th Div) was also brought up from SW BURMA.

(4) Thirty-third Army. The Thirty-third Army moved S from NE BURMA, where the Japanese had ceased to be capable of effective resistance. Hq were established at TAUNGGYI by the middle of March. The major strength of the 2nd Div was no longer available to the Army because it had been ordered to THAILAND on 14 Jan and on 26 Jan to FRENCH INDO-CHINA.\* However, the bulk of the 49th Div, which was placed under the Thirty-third Army, appeared in March in the PYAWWE area, S of MEIKTILA, and was joined there by one of its two detached infantry regiments, the 168th, which had been moved from NE BURMA to MEIKTILA in the latter half of

\* The 16th Inf Regt of the Division, operating with the 33rd Div, was not ordered to move and the 4th Inf Regt was recalled on 23 Mar to the PYAWWE-TOUNGGOO sector after it had moved half way to THAILAND.

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February. Early in March, the 18th Div also arrived in the area from the SHWELI BEND region, where it had been engaged in heavy fighting in February. In the first part of April, a forward Hq of the Thirty-third Army was set up in the PYAWBWE area to direct a regroupment of Japanese forces in preparation for a British push S from MEIKTILA.

(5) Final Phase. Despite the concentration of strength S and E of the CENTRAL BURMA plains, the Japanese were incapable of meeting the pressure of the British, and in April the Japanese defense virtually collapsed.

The Fifteenth Army, trailed by the 15th Div, moved S to the TOUNGOO area via TAUNGGYI and LOIKAW after the British break-through S of MEIKTILA, probably in the vain hope of reforming ahead of the British column. Its other units, the 31st and 33rd Divs and the 16th Inf Regt (2nd Div), having been driven E into the SHAN HILLS, commenced to withdraw along the same route. The 56th Div, which may no longer be subordinate to the Thirty-third Army, moved S to TAUNGGYI and possibly followed the other units of the Fifteenth Army.

The Thirty-third Army, having been torn apart by the British thrust from MEIKTILA S through PYAWBWE, probably also intended to reform ahead of the British. Its Hq moved S and eventually reached the vicinity of TOUNGOO. The 18th, 49th (less the 153rd Inf Regt), and 53rd Divs, which were subordinated to the Thirty-third Army, were evidently meant to regroup at PYINMANA. However, they were left strung out and disorganized in that area by the British armored column which by-passed them.

The Twenty-eighth Army forces, including the 54th Div, elements of the 55th Div, and 72nd Ind Mixed Brig, and the 153rd Inf Regt (49th Div), which were disposed on the W BURMA coast and in the IRRAWADDY VALLEY S of CHAUK, were dangerously outflanked by the British drive S, and under strong pressure commenced a difficult withdrawal toward PROME. Most of the remaining elements of the 55th Div were dispatched to the railway between PEGU and PYINMANA, down which the British were driving.

To meet the British at PEGU, the Burma Area Army brought in a battalion of the 24th Ind Mixed Brig from MOULMEIN and a unit organized from miscellaneous troops known as the 69th Rangoon Ind Inf Bn. However, it was obvious by the third week in April that the Japanese were incapable of stopping the British anywhere in their rapid southward advance, and the move of the Burma Area Army Hq from RANGOON to MOULMEIN, where it was established by 30 Apr, demonstrated conclusively that the final phase of the Burma campaign had been reached. On 30 Apr, most of PEGU had been cleared of Japanese by the British, and on 3 May, following a combined paratroop and seaborne landing at the mouth of the RANGOON RIVER, RANGOON itself was entered by the British forces.

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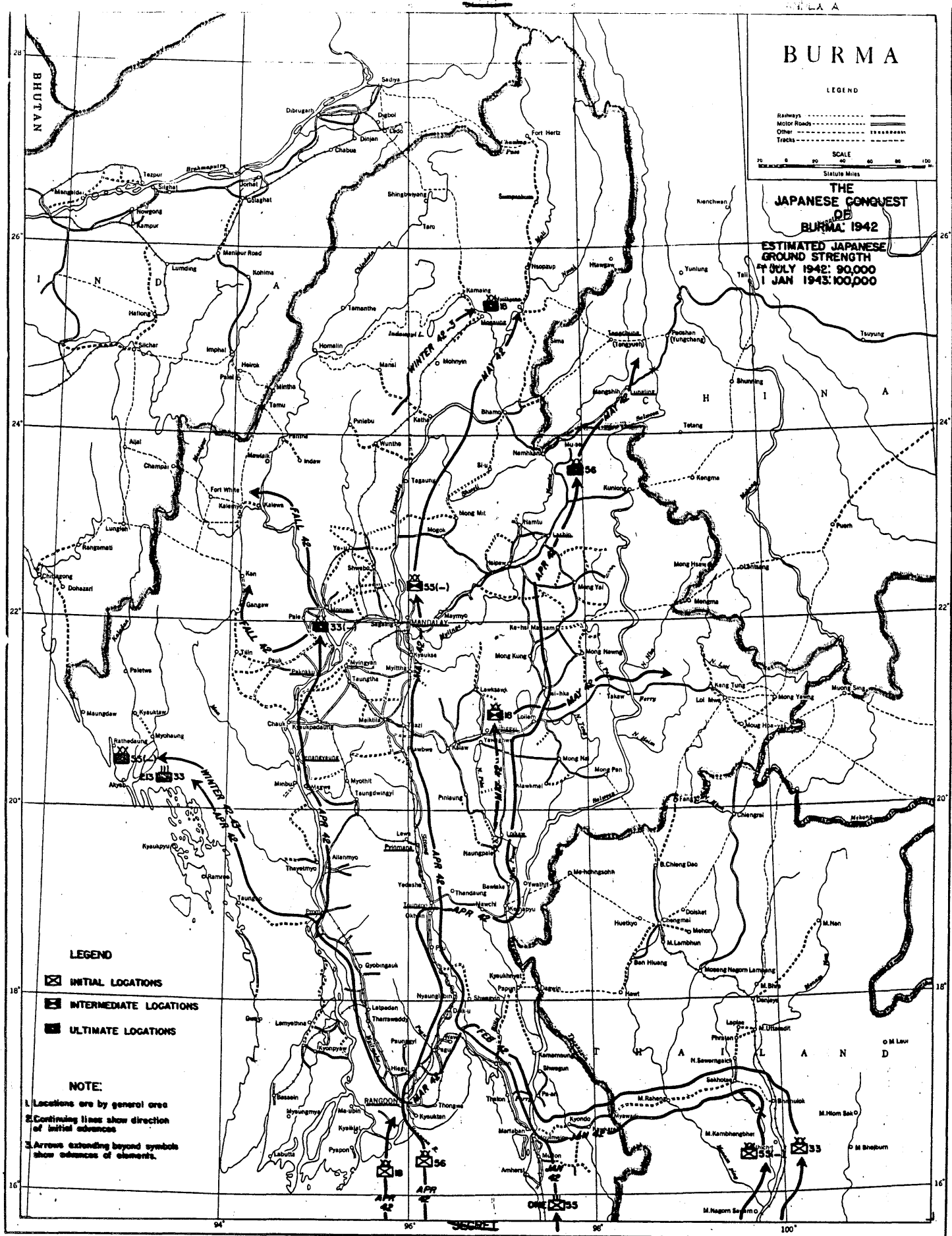
With the loss of RANGOON and PEGU, the Twenty-eighth Army and a substantial proportion of the non-divisional units in BURMA are now cut off. It is doubtful if any can escape as organized units, although by breaking up into small groups a certain number may be able to make their way to the mountainous BURMA-THAILAND frontier. The remnants of the Fifteenth and Thirty-third Armies and associated non-divisional troops E of the British-controlled HANALAY-RANGOON railway may be expected to move toward the SALWEEN, leaving behind most of their heavy equipment, and to attempt a regroupment for a defense of THAILAND.

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# ANNEX B BURMA

## LEGEND

Railways  
Motor Roads  
Other  
Tracks

SCALE  
0 20 40 60 80 100  
Statute Miles

## JAPANESE REINFORCEMENT OF BURMA AND ADVANCES INTO FRONTIER AREAS FALL 1943 - SUMMER 1944

ESTIMATED JAPANESE  
GROUND STRENGTH  
JULY 1943: 135,000  
1 JAN 1944: 185,000  
1 JULY 1944: 285,000

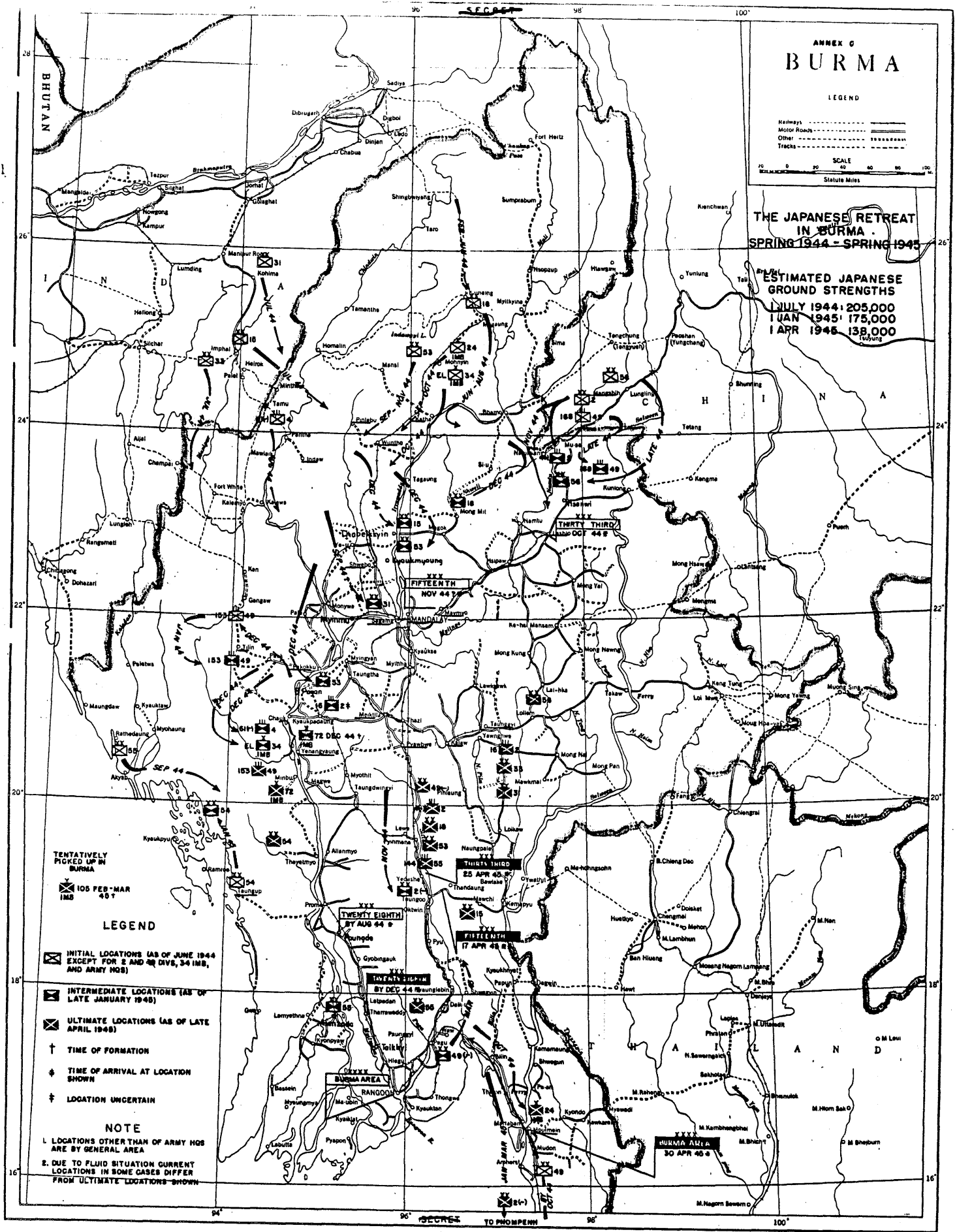
## LEGEND

- ☒ INITIAL LOCATIONS
- ☒ INTERMEDIATE LOCATIONS
- ☒ ULTIMATE LOCATIONS
- † TIME OF FORMATION
- \* TIME OF ARRIVAL AT LOCATION SHOWN

## NOTE

- 1 Locations other than of army hqs are by general area
- 2 Arrows extending beyond symbols show advances of elements

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Annex D  
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BURMA

1. Strength. Estimated strengths of Japanese forces in BURMA as of 1 Apr are as follows:

	<u>Operational Strength</u>	<u>Actual Strength</u>
Army ground	237,000	123,000
Army Air ground	9,000	9,000
Navy ground	6,000	6,000
Total	<u>252,000</u>	<u>138,000</u>

Actual strength was derived by adjusting operational strength for: (1) the arrival of an estimated 35,000 replacements since early 1944; (2) the movement of an estimated 7,000 men of the 2nd Div to FRENCH INDO-CHINA; (3) the loss of 93,000 counted dead and prisoners of war up to March 1945; and (4) an estimate of uncounted dead and permanently incapacitated wounded based on theater information indicating the local strength of the units in BURMA.

2. Identified units. The table which follows lists the operational strength, rather than the present actual strength, of the identified Japanese units in BURMA, without making adjustments for casualties or replacements.

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<u>Army Ground Units</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
Burma Area Army	MOULMEIN (end of April)	X
Fifteenth Army	TOUNGGOO Area (4/27)	450
Twenty-eighth Army	TAIKKYI (4/27)	450
Thirty-third Army	TOUNGGOO Area (4/23)	450
Elms 2nd Div	-----	7,800
Elms 4th Div (two Bns 61st Inf Regt and one Co 4th FA Regt only --probably absorbed by 72nd Ind Mixed Brig)	-----	---
15th Div	TOUNGGOO Area (4/22)	15,200
16th Div	PYINMANA Area (4/14)	14,200
31st Div	LOIKAW (4/28)	16,500
33rd Div	KALAW Area (4/28)	16,300
49th Div	PYAWBWE-PYINMANA Area (mid-April) Elms YENANGYAUNG Area (4/22)	17,900
53rd Div	PYINMANA Area (4/19)	14,500
54th Div	GYOWA (30 m. W of THAYETHYO (4/26)	15,000
55th Div	HENZADA (4/27) Elms PEGU-PYINMANA and KYAUKPADAUNG Areas (late April)	15,000
56th Div	TAUNGGYI (4/27)	14,500
24th Ind Mixed Brig	MOULMEIN (end of April)	3,720

An estimated 7,000 men of the 2nd Div have moved to FRENCH INDO-CHINA. The 7,800 strength carried above represents the difference between the operational strength of the Division (14,800) and the number of men who moved. The only elements actually remaining in BURMA are the 4th Inf Regt (less 3rd Bn) and the 16th Inf Regt, with an aggregate operational strength of 4,500. The remainder of the 7,800 represents casualties estimated to have been suffered by the Division prior to its movement to FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

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<u>Army Ground Units (cont'd)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
72nd Ind Mixed Brig (has absorbed 187th, 188th Ind Inf Bns formerly carried as components of 34th Ind Mixed Brig)	YENANGYAUNG Area (4/22)	4,000
Rangoon AAA Comd	RANGOON	90
7th Co, 103rd AAA Regt	RANGOON	110
33rd Fld AAA Bn	RANGOON	470
Elms one Co, 70th Fld AAA Bn	MOULMEIN Area	50
71st Fld AAA Bn	RANGOON (Elms possibly at PROME)	470
30th Fld Duty Unit	RANGOON	295
15th Fld Duty Co	RANGOON	450
60th Cons Duty Co	MOULMEIN?	180
Southern Army 2nd Sig Unit	RANGOON	110
92nd Ind Wire Co	PROME	370
94th Ind Wire Co	RANGOON?	370
73rd Ind Radio Plat	RANGOON	55
85th Ind Radio Plat	RANGOON	55
3rd Fixed Sig Unit	RANGOON	270
275th Ind Motor Transport Co	MOULMEIN	160
12th Sp Motor Transport Co	RANGOON	45
86th L/C Motor Transport Co	RANGOON	160
106th L/C Hosp	RANGOON	315
3rd Co, 4th Shipping Engr Regt	HENZADA Area	270
11th Shipping Engr Regt	TAIKKYI	1,080
3rd Sea Transport Bn	RANGOON	765
12th Debarkation Unit	MOULMEIN	900
38th Anchorage	RANGOON (Brs at MOULMEIN)	55
85th Land Duty Co	RANGOON	315
Sub-Br Southern Army Fld Ry	MOULMEIN?	25

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<u>Army Ground Units (cont'd)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
Burma Ry Unit	RANGOON	135
5th Sp Ry Comd	RANGOON	45
Moulmein Sub-Bn, 4th Sp Ry Comd	MOULMEIN	25
9th Ry Regt (less one Bn in SUMATRA)	THANEYUZAYAT	1,600
5th Sp Ry Main Unit	RANGOON?	45
149th Ry Sta	RANGOON Area	25
2nd Ry Inspectorate	RANGOON	70
Burma Area Army Fld Freight Depot	RANGOON	270
Burma Area Army Fld Motor Transport Depot	RANGOON (Br at MOULMEIN)	370
1st Ry Supply Depot	RANGOON	160
Burma Area Army Fld Ord Depot	RANGOON	340
#1 Bn, 2nd Fld Shipping Ord Depot	RANGOON	25
Southern Def (Admin) Hq	RANGOON	45
Southeastern Def (Admin) Hq	MOULMEIN	45
15th Fld Postal Unit	RANGOON Area	225
16th Fld Postal Unit	RANGOON?	225
300th Fld PO (strength included in one of the Fld Postal Units above)	MOULMEIN Area	---
Total located Army ground units		<u>157,705</u>

<u>Army Air Ground Units</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
5th Air Div (part only)	RANGOON	125
4th Air Brig (part only)	HEHO	30
6th Air Regt (part only)	RANGOON	110
64th Air Regt (part only)	HMAWBI	95
61st Air Regt (part only)	RANGOON	95
7th Air Section Comd	KALAW	110

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<u>Army Air Ground Units (cont'd)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
24th Air Sector Comd	SITTANG/MOULMEIN	110
19th Airfield Bn	LOIKAW (Br at LOILEM)	410
82nd Airfield Bn	RANGOON	410
92nd Airfield Bn	TAVOY/MERGUI	410
94th Airfield Bn	MINGALADON (Elms at BASSEIN)	410
17th Airfield Co	BASSEIN	225
38th Airfield Co	BASSEIN (Elms at SHEMAINDIN)	225
8th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	MERGUI/SHEMAINDIN (Br at BASSEIN)	400
19th Fld Air Repair Depot		
Br Depot	KALAW	360
Br Depot	MINGALADON	360
Br Depot	HLEGU	360
13th Fld Air Supply Depot (part only)	RANGOON	90
2nd Air Intelligence Regt (part only)	RANGOON	700
1st Air Sig Regt	RANGOON	1,400
3rd Air Sig Regt (part only)	KALAW	700
17th Air Navigation Aid Unit	INSEIN/RANGOON	400
31st Aviation Radio Unit	MINGALADON	200
32nd Aviation Radio Unit	HEHO	200
Total located Army air ground units		<u>7,935</u>

<u>Navy Ground Units</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
13th Base Force	MOULMEIN	1,500
12th Guard Force	RANGOON	500
17th Guard Force	MERGUI	1,000
Total located Navy ground units		<u>3,000</u>

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UNLOCATED, BURMA

<u>Army Ground Units</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
105th Ind Mixed Brig *	---
5th Commando Unit	40
15th, 16th, 17th Commando Cos (possibly subordinate to 5th Commando Unit) (ea 180)	540
5th Medium Arty Regt	2,095
18th Medium Arty Regt (part only; 9th Medium Arty Bn formed from elms)	500
9th, 11th, 21st Medium Arty Bns (ea 630)	1,890
20th AAA Regt*	990
35th, 36th, 51st Fld AAA Bns (ea 470)	1,410
58th, 59th Ind Fld AAA Cos (ea 160)	320
43rd Fld Machine Cn Co	110
14th Tank Regt	855
13th, 14th Ind Antitank Bns (ea 430)	860
38th, 39th, 40th Ind Antitank Cos (ea 135)	405
5th Engr Unit (Comd)	45
4th, 20th Ind Engr Regts (ea 990)	1,980
67th Ind Engr Bn	540
6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th Ind Engr Cos (ea 160)	800
3rd Fld Cons Unit*	45

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UNLOCATED, BURMA (cont'd)

<u>Army Ground Units (cont'd)</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
20th,* 33rd, 101st, 102nd Fld Rd Cons Units (ea 360)	1,440
9th Div, 1st Bridge Building Material Co	380
21st, 22nd, 26th Bridge Building Material Cos	1,140
53rd, 62nd, 101st Cons Duty Cos (ea 180)	540
28th Sp Cons Duty Co	25
10th, 13th, 14th, 15th River Crossing Material Cos (ea 205)	820
2nd Sig Unit*	270
19th Sig Regt	2,160
6th, 7th Ind Sig Cos (ea 380)	760
23rd, 86th, 87th, 93rd, 108th*, 109th*, 110th* Ind Wire Cos (ea 380)	2,660
36th, 43rd Fixed Radio Units (ea 25)	50
56th*, 72nd*, 83rd*, 84th*, 102nd*, 103rd*, 104th* Ind Radio Plats (ea 55)	385
2nd, 5th, 14th Fld Transport Comds (ea 45)	135
2nd, 3rd Ind Transport Regts (ea 2,700)	5,400
51st Ind Transport Bn	925
52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th Ind Transport Cos (ea 360)	1,440
29th, 35th, 45th, 55th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 101st Ind Motor Transport Bns (ea 720)	5,760
23rd*, 27th, 61st, 211th, 226th, 236th, 237th, 254th, 256th, 257th*, 261st, 274th, 280th, 333rd, 334th, 335th Ind Motor Transport Cos (ea 160)	2,560

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UNLOCATED, BURMA (cont'd)

<u>Army Ground Units (cont'd)</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 19th*, 20th, 21st Sp Motor Transport Cos (ea 45)	630
23rd, 25th? L/C Motor Transport Units (ea 360)	720
64th*, 187th L/C Motor Transport Cos (ea 160)	320
Fifteenth Army Fld Motor Transport Depot	380
20th Fld Motor Transport Depot	380
15th Casualty Clearing Unit	110
38th, 58th, 60th, 62nd, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 94th, 95th Casualty Clearing Plats (ea 55)	660
84th, 91st Casualty Clearing Plats (ea 55) (Scheduled)	110
105th, 107th, 116th, 118th, 121st, 124th, 133rd L/C Hosps (ea 315)	2,205
16th L/C Medical Unit	115
12th, 13th L/C Vet Hosps (ea 475)	950
17th Vet Quarantine Hosp	110
15th Water Supply and Purif Dept	290
22nd, 26th Fld Water Supply and Purif Depts (ea 290)	580
33rd, 38th Sea Duty Cos (ea 315)	630
21st, 22nd Sp Sea Duty Cos (ea 25)	50
25th*, 67th*, 79th, 80th, 93rd, 94th*, 100th, 102nd, 107th*, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th Land Duty Cos (ea 315)	4,725

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UNLOCATED, BURMA (cont'd)

<u>Army Ground Units (cont'd)</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
8th*, 9th*, 10th, 31st, 32nd Sp Land Duty Cos (ea 25)	125
3rd Sp Water Transport Unit	25
4th Mobile Repair Sec	70
5th Ry Regt	2,250
7th Ry Regt (less one Bn in THAILAND)	1,800
8th Sp Ry Engr Service Unit	45
5th, 10th, 11th Sp Ry Transportation Units (ea 45)	135
4th, 5th Sp Ry Bridging Units (ea 45)	90
5th, 8th Sp Ry Cons Units (ea 45)	90
5th Sp Ry Control Unit	45
5th, 8th Sp Ry Supplies Units (ea 45)	90
5th Sp Ry Work Unit	45
8th Sp Ry Tracklaying Unit	45
8th Sp Ry Maint Unit	45
102nd, 121st, 127th, 140th, 143rd, 148th*, 152nd, 157th, 161st, 162nd Ry Stas (ea 25)	250
Fifteenth Army Fld Freight Depot	270
Fifteenth Army Fld Ord Depot	340
Burma Fuel Storage Depot (Including Burma Fuel Storage Depot Well Drilling Co)	720
Br, Southern Army Fortification Works Dept	100
Burma Area Army MP Unit	360
4th Fld MP Unit	360
Northern Def (Admin) Hq	45
Central Def (Admin) Hq	45

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UNLOCATED, BURMA (cont'd)

<u>Army Ground Units (cont'd)</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL STRENGTH</u>
42nd L/C Sector Unit (less part in THAILAND)	1,200
53rd, 73rd, 78th, 90th, 91st L/C Sector Units (ea 1,575)	7,875
301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 311th Fld POs (Strength included in 15th and 18th Fld Postal Units listed above)	---
Total unlocated Army ground units	<u>69,705</u>

Army Air Ground Units

17th Airfield Bn	410
23rd Airfield Bn	310
34th Airfield Bn	<u>410</u>
Total unlocated Army air ground units	<u>1,130</u>

Navy Ground Units

13th Guard Force	<u>500</u>
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JAPANESE MAJOR GENERALS

The following is a list of all known Major Generals in the Japanese Army with their assignments as of 21 Apr 45. The page in the 1942 Army List on which each officer was listed is shown by the number in parenthesis following his name. The date after the assignment is either the date of appointment or the only available date connecting the officer with his post. The use of "u/i" indicates that no current assignment for the officer is known. An asterisk in the "Assignment" column indicates that the unit listed is no longer in existence.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF RANK</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT AND DATE</u>
ABE Makuhiko (2463)	----	Chief Medical Dept Air Hq; Chief Medical Dept Air Inspectorate General (2/44)
ABE Norihiko (--)	3/43	u/i
ADACHI Juro (65)	3/41	CG Hongkong Def Unit (1/42)
ADACHI Saburo (124)	----	Atchd Hq First Air Army (5/44)
ADACHI Yosuke (132)	8/43	CG u/i unit (1/45)
AIDA Shunji (85)	8/42	CG 24th Ind Mixed Brig (2/45)
AKIGUSA Shun (124)	8/45	CG 4th Border Gar (12/42)
AKIYAMA Bunji (58)	12/40	Atchd Air Hq (4/44)
AMAAKI Megumu (58)	12/40	Chief 2nd Tech Re- search Institute (10/42)
AMANO Masakazu (155)	----	Chief 2nd Sec, 1st Dept (Operations) General Staff (3/45)

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF RANK</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT AND DATE</u>
AMAU Umahachi (143)	3/44	CG 9th Ind Mixed Regt (6/44)
ANDO Chuichiro (62)	3/41	CG 9th Ind Gar Unit (3/42)
ANDO Sankichi (126)	8/43	u/1
AOKI Shoichi (103)	12/40	Chief Vet Dept Eastern District Army (8/41) (Twelfth Area Army)
AOKI Takashi (146)	---	CG 8th Flying Brig (11/44)
AOKI Takezo (125)	3/43	CG 30th Flying Gp (10/44)
AOTSU Kikutaro (148)	3/44	CG 41st Inf Gp (9/44)
ARAKI Masatsugu (65)	3/41	CG 79th Inf Brig (10/44)
ARIMURA Tsunemichi (37)	7/38	Chief Haishu Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
ARITOMI Jiro (132)	---	CG 56th Inf Brig (5/44)
ASAMA Yoshio (--)	11/37	u/1
ASAMI Kikuo (129)	8/43	C of S 69th Div (12/42)
ASAMI Toshiniko (87)	8/42	u/1
ASANO Takeshi (115)	3/43	CG Southern Sumatra Fuel Storage Depot (3/44)
ASANO Torashiro (80)	10/41	Chief Ord Dept North China Area Army (6/43)
ASHIZUKA Choze (108)	3/43	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 57th Depot Div (10/44)
ATAMI Saburo (130)	---	Chief of Sec, Ord Adm Hq (4/40)
BABA Hideo (113)	3/43	CG Shipping Tng Dept (8/43)
BABA Kikaku (--)	7/38	CG MP Units Fourteenth Area Army (2/43)
BAN Yukiyoichi (46)	3/40	u/1
CHIBA Kumaharu (82)	10/41	Atchd Airfield Cons Tng Dept (1/43)
CHICHIBU Yasuhito (Prince) (123)	3/45	Atchd General Staff (12/35)

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF RANK</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT AND DATE</u>
CHICHIWA Koji (74)	10/41	CG Iki Fortress (2/44)
CHIKU Hachiman (125)	8/44	CG Ord Dept Seventeenth Army (10/42)
CHO Isamu (75)	10/41	u/1
DOI Akio (81)	10/41	Chief Intelligence Dept Kwantung Army (3/43)
EGUCHI Rokuro (--)	3/43	Atchd Hq 3rd Depot Div (3/43)
ENDO Eihiro (2149)	----	Chief Fuel Tech Research Institute (3/44)
ENDO Harunobu (--)	3/39	Chief Morioka Regtl District (3/45)
ENDO Shinichi (114)	3/43	CG 57th Ind Mixed Brig (7/44)
ENDO Shoichi (138)	----	Atchd Air Sig Sch (8/44)
ENOZAWA Shizuichi (72)	8/41	Chief 2nd Air Tech Research Institute (10/42)
FUJII Yonekichi (--)	3/38	Chief Hiroshima Regtl District (3/45)
FUJIMOTO Tetsukuma (45)	8/39	CG Southern Air Transport Dept (5/43)
FUJIMURA Masuzo (125)	3/43	C of S Tokai District Army (2/45) (Thirteenth Area Army)
FUJIMURA Yuzuru (76)	10/41	CG 8th Arty Gp (3/43)
FUJIOKA Takeo (70)	8/41	CG 9th Ind Mixed Brig (2/44)
FUJISAWA Shigezo (65)	3/41	CG 2nd Air Sig Comd (8/43)
FUJITA Shigeru (75)	10/41	u/1
FUKE Mitsuo (--)	3/39	u/1
FUKUNAGA Utata (124)	----	CG 16th Fld Transport Comd (11/44)
FUNAYAMA Sadaharu (108)	3/43	Chief Ord Dept Eighth Area Army (11/42)
FURUSHIMA Chiichi (--)	----	Chief Yamaguchi Regtl District (3/45)

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FURUYA Kenzo (123)	----	CG Hitachi Tng Flying Div (11/44)
FUSE Yasunasa (60)	3/41	CG 41st Gar Comd (1/44)
FUTAMI Akisaburo (75)	10/41	u/1
GONDO Hakaru (153)	----	Chief Ord Dept Shipping Hq; Atchd Transport Dept (8/43)
GOTO Juro (--)	----	Reserve (?)
GOTO Mitsuzo (79)	10/41	A C of S General Defense Hq* (2/45)
HABU Hideji (159)	----	Atchd Hokoda Tng Flying Div (8/44)
HAGI Saburo (89)	8/42	C of S Fifth Area Army (2/45)
HAGIWARA Naoshi (90)	8/42	u/1
HAMADA Hiroshi (183)	----	C of S Thirty-ninth Army (11/44)
HAMADA Hitoshi (79)	10/41	Chief PW Intelligence Bureau; Chief PW Adm Dept (3/43)
HAMADA Sueso (141)	----	CG Burma Ry Comd; CG 2nd Ry Inspectorate (9/44)
HARA Tomio (54)	8/40	Chief 2nd Dept Tech Hq; Chief Sagami Ars (6/41)
HARADA Hisao (58)	12/40	Chief Nagano Regtl District (3/45)
HARADA Sadanori (136)	8/43	Chief 1st Bureau, Air Ord Gen Bureau, Mun Ministry; Tech Advisor Air Hq (1/44)
HARADA Yoshikazu (71)	8/41	CG 2nd South Seas Det (12/43)
HARAGUCHI Shinichi (--)	----	Atchd Hq Western District Army (8/43) (Sixteenth Area Army)
HASEGAWA Kiyotaro (--)	1/43	u/1

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HASEGAWA Masanori (37)	3/39	Chief Mil Affairs Dept Utsunomiya Div District (3/45)
HASHIMOTO Hiromitsu (131)	8/43	Atchd FA Sch (8/43)
HATA Yusaburo (---)	7/38	Chief Hiroshima War Sup- plies Transport Control Dept (7/44)
HATTORI Naomi (61)	3/41	CG 2nd Ind Inf Brig (11/44)
HATTORI Takeshi (70)	8/41	Comdt Shimoshizu Flying Sch (2/44)
HAYASHI Ichizo (61)	3/41	u/i
HAYASHI Inei (104)	10/41	Chief Vet Dept Central District Army (8/42) (Fifteenth Area Army)
HAYASHI Makoto (---)	----	Chief Daiden Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
HAYASHI Tahei (159)	8/44	MA HUNGARY (1/43) (Most recently with Hungarian regime in GERMANY)
HAYASHI Yoshihide (74)	10/41	CG 53rd Div (2/45)
HAYASHIDA Hirotsugu (6)	----	CG u/i Brig 114th Div (11/44)
HIDAKA Mio (105)	4/42	Chief Judicial Dept Southern Army (6/43)
HIGUCHI Keishichiro (75)	10/41	Comdt 1st Kurums Res O Sch (10/43)
HIRAI Tosuke (117)	4/44	u/i
HIRAMATSU Genichi (101)	8/42	Atchd Central Medical Depot (8/42)
HIRANO Hiroshi (64)	3/41	Chief Supply Dept Ord Adm Hq (10/42)
HIRANO Shozo (111)	3/43	CG 2nd Engr Unit (3/43)
HIRANO Toyoji (---)	2/45	CG MP Unit Twenty-fifth Army (3/43)
HIRAOKA Chikara (111)	3/43	Asst Chief Mil Affairs Dept 3rd Guards Div (5/44)

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HIRAOKA Kiyoshi (75)	10/41	CG 11th Fld Transport Comd (10/41)
HIRATA Juzo (--)	----	Chief Niigata Regtl District (3/45)
HIRATA Katsuji (76)	10/41	Comdt Tokorozawa Tng Air Maint Div (10/44)
HIROE Iwao (2987)	8/43	CG Vet Material Depot (6/43)
HIROSE Hayami (100)	8/42	Chief Medical Dept Third Area Army (10/43)
HIROSE Katsushige (--)	----	Mayor of Kiryu (5/44)
HIROSE Yoshio (2466)	7/44	Chief Medical Dept Eighteenth Army (3/43)
HIROTA Yutaka (59)	12/40	u/1
HIRUNUMA Shichizo (--)	2/45	u/1
HISHIDA Motoshiro (65)	3/41	u/1
HISHIKI Tomejiro (--)	----	Chief Fukushima Regtl District (3/45)
HOKUJO Tokichi (70)	8/41	CG 54th Ind Mixed Brig (6/44)
HONDA Atsushi (74)	10/41	CG 1st Airfield Comd (1/44)
HORIGE Kazumaro (71)	8/41	u/1
HORIUCHI Kiyozane (2463)	3/43	Chief Medical Dept Mongolia Garrison Army (12/41)
HOSHI Komataro (158)	----	CG Hamamatsu Operational Tng Div (11/44)
HOSOMI Ken (98)	12/40	Chief Medical Dept Seventh Area Army (3/44)
HOSOMI Koreo (80)	10/41	CG 1st Tank Brig (9/44)
HOSOTANI Kiyoshi (2464)	3/44	Chief 1st Southern Mil Hosp (3/44)
IBE Saburo (99)	10/41	Chief 2nd Fukuoka Temp Hosp (3/44)
IBUKI Tsukio (98)	12/40	u/1
ICHIDA Jiro (131)	8/43	A C of S           Area Army; MA BUPMA (3/44)

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ICHIMURA Yoshizo (95)	10/41	Chief Central Clothing Depot (3/43)
ICHINOSE Wataru (117)	8/43	Chief 1st Factory Osaka Ars (6/43)
IHARA Junjiro (79)	10/41	C of S Seventeenth Area Army (7/42)
IHARA Shigejiro (80)	10/41	CG Western District AA Def Brig* (6/43)
IIJIMA Jusuke (53)	8/40	Atchd Shipping Hq (7/42)
IIZUKA Chozo (--)	----	Chief Chiba Regtl District (3/45)
IIZUKA Keinosuke (--)	----	Chief Akita Regtl District (3/45)
IJUIN Kanenobu (121)	8/43	CG 51st Ind Mixed Brig (5/44)
IKEDA Kinya (86)	8/42	Chief Ord Dept Twelfth Army (3/41)
IKEDA Sumihisa (68)	8/41	A C of S Kwantung Army; MA MANGCHUKUO (7/42)
IKEHAMA Seiji (--)	----	Chief Kushiro Regtl District (3/45)
IKEMOTO Nobuki (2233)	3/43	Asst Comdt Intendance Sch (6/43)
IKENGUE Kenkichi (39)	5/39	u/i
IKEUCHI Yoshie (--)	----	Atchd 12th Debarkation Unit (7/44)
IZUTA Torao (83)	8/42	CG 1st Gar Comd (1/44)
IMADA Shintaro (140)	8/43	C of S 36th Div (3/41)
IMAI Hifumi (121)	3/43	Atchd Science Sch (11/43)
IMAI Takeo (125)	3/43	A C of S China Expeditionary Army (9/44)
IMAIZUMI Yoshitada (--)	----	Chief Kankyo Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
IMANISHI Rokuro (67)	8/41	Comdt Hokoda Tng Flying Div (10/43)
IMARI Tatsuo (59)	12/40	Atchd General Staff (8/42)

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INADA Masazumi (79)	10/41	u/1
INAGAWA Naoei (--)	8/39	Chief Mil Affairs Dept Asahigawa Div District (3/45)
INAMURA Toyojiro (60)	12/40	u/1
INOUE Fumio (100)	8/42	Chief Taitsohar Mil Hosp (11/41)
INOUE Gisaku (95)	8/41	Chief Finance Dept Ord Adm Hq (3/41)
INOUE Narumi (49)	3/40	Chief Airbase Cons Tng Dept (3/44)
INOUE Satotsugu (--)	3/43	u/1
INOUE Yasushi (49)	3/40	Placed in Reserve (6/43)
INOUE Yoshisuke (40)	8/39	CG 35th Ind Mixed Brig (2/44)
INUI Tadao (--)	----	u/1
IRIE Kanji (55)	8/40	Comdt Chiba AA Def Sch (5/42)
ISE Kiyosuke (--)	9/44	u/1
ISHIDA Eikuma (80)	10/41	CG Southern Army Fld Ry Comd (3/44)
ISHIDA Otagoro (89)	8/42	Chief MP Hq (11/44)
ISHIDA Yoshiaki (83)	8/42	u/1
ISHIFUKU Kakuji (101)	12/40	Atchd Medical Sch (3/40)
ISHIHARA Kichio (--)	----	u/1
ISHII Gishyo (97)	3/40	u/1
ISHII Hirokichi (67)	8/41	Chief Supervisory Sec Sagami Ars (3/44)
ISHII Masayoshi (121)	3/43	C of S Northeastern Army (2/45) (Eleventh Area Army)
ISHII Shiro (99)	3/41	Atchd Medical Sch (8/43)
ISHIKAWA Megumu (--)	10/41	Asst Comdt Air Academy; Chief Faculty Air Academy (3/44)

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ISHIKAWA Tadao (72)	8/41	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 47th Div (6/43)
ISHIKAWA Takuma (86)	8/42	CG Fuzan Fortress; Chief Fuzan War Supplies Trans- port Control Dept (5/44)
ISHIKO Tatsuo (63)	3/41	Chief Works Dept Fuel Hq (3/44)
ISHINO Yoshio (78)	10/41	CG 1st Ind Gar Unit (6/43)
ISHITANI Jinzaburo (66)	3/41	Chief Tsu Regtl District (3/45)
ISOMURA Takesuke (115)	3/43	Chief Gen Affairs Dept Mil Adm Inspectorate Seventh Area Army; A C of S Seventh Area Army (3/44)
ISOYA Goro (87)	8/42	C of S Shipping Hq; Atchd Transport Dept (8/43)
ITAMI Masayoshi (--)	3/33	Chief Mil Affairs Dept Zentsuji Div District (11/44)
ITATSU Naotoshi (84)	8/42	CG 10th Ind Inf Brig (1/44)
ITO Akinobu (3063)	8/43	Chief Judicial Dept Thir- teenth Army (4/42)
ITO Noriharu (89)	8/42	Atchd Arty Inspectorate; Atchd Army Dept Imperial General Hq (5/44)
ITO Shinobu (59)	8/41	CG 2nd Shipping Transport Comd (2/44)
ITO Suzutsugu (139)	8/43	Chief Gen Affairs Dept Ord Adm Hq (10/44)
ITO Takeo (68)	8/40	CG 40th Ind Mixed Brig (7/44)
ITSUKI Toshio (115)	3/43	CG 36th Ind Mixed Brig (2/44)
IWABE Shigeo (114)	8/43	CG 28th Ind Mixed Brig (7/44)
IWAKIRI Hide (90)	8/42	CG 69th Inf Brig (6/43)
IWAKURO Hideo (121)	3/43	C of S Twenty-eighth Army (1/44)
IWAMOTO Koji (118)	----	CG 11th Fld Repl Unit (2/44)
IWASA Masao (--)	----	Chief Utsunomiya Regtl Dis- trict (3/45)

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IWASA Shun (53)	8/40	u/1
KADOWAKI Isao (--)	2/45	u/1
KAJI Eijiro (40)	8/39	Reserve List (9/42)
KAJII Sadakichi (--)	7/38	Chief Medical Dept Fifth Area Army (3/44)
KAMADA Mitsugi (100)	8/42	Chief Medical Dept Burma Area Army (3/43)
KAMADA Senichi (79)	10/41	CG Ry Tng Dept (2/43)
KAMISAGO Masashichi (1941)	8/43	CG Kurume MP Unit (8/43)
KANAYAMA Ikutaro (94)	8/40	u/1
KANDA Minoru (127)	----	Chief Air Tech Dept Southern Army (6/44)
KANEKO Shukichi (2466)	7/44	Chief Medical Dept Seventeenth Army (10/42)
KARAKAWA Yasuo (81)	10/41	u/1
KARIYA Kazuo (126)	8/44	Atchd Hq Western District Army (7/44) (Sixteenth Area Army)
KASAHARA Kahsei (84)	8/42	CG Aershan Gar (10/42)
KASHIMA Hideo (117)	3/43	Chief Tng Dept Ord Adm Hq (6/43); Chief Research Dept Ord Adm Hq (10/44)
KASHIMA Saburo (112)	3/43	u/1
KASUDANI Tomekichi (135)	8/44	CG 2nd Flt Transport Comd (6/43)
KATAGIRI Goro (--)	----	Chief Tottori Regtl District (3/45)
KATAKURA Tadashi (148)	----	u/1
KATO Akira (67)	8/41	CG 8th Ind Inf Brig (1/44)
KATO Hakujiro (55)	8/40	Chief MP Unit North China Area Army (8/43)
KATO Kunio (114)	3/43	Atchd Air Hq (9/44)
KATO Sadamu (142)	8/43	CG 26th Div Inf Gp (8/43)

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KATO Shinichi (--)	----	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 3rd Depot Div (4/44)
KATSURA Asahiko (61)	3/41	u/1
KAWAGOE Moriji (87)	8/42	Atchd Osaka War Supplies Transport Control Dept (2/45)
KAWAGUCHI Kiyotake (56)	12/40	u/1
KAWAI Kiyoshi (128)	----	CG Central District AA Def Gp (5/44)
KAWAKAMI Kiyoshi (116)	3/43	C of S Third Air Army(11/44)
KAWAKUBO Shizuma (85)	8/42	CG 51st Div Inf Gp (2/44)
KAWAMATA Taketo (71)	8/41	Atchd General Staff (10/41)
KAWAME Taro (137)	8/43	C of S Twentieth Army (2/44)
KAWAMOTO Yoshitaro (144)	----	A C of S China Expeditionary Army (3/44)
KAWAMURA Takeshi (58)	12/40	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 20th Depot Div (2/45)
KAWANA Tatsuo (2464)	8/44	Chief Medical Dept Third Air Army (7/42)
KAWANE Yoshikata (63)	3/41	CG North China Fld Motor Transport Depot (8/42)
KAWANO Masaji (2464)	8/43	Chief Medical Dept Fifth Army (8/42)
KAWANO Takeo (63)	3/41	Chief 5th Tech Research Institute (6/41)
KAWASAKI Hyoya (99)	8/41	u/1
KAWASHIMA Osamu (--)	----	CG 82nd Inf Brig (7/44)
KAWASHIMA Toranosuke (143)	8/43	Chief Supply Dept Air Hq; Atchd Inspectorate General Air; Atchd Fld Air Ord Supervisory Dept (1/44)
KAWAZOE Muraji (133)	3/44	CG 75th Inf Brig (6/44)
KAZEHAYA Kiyoshi (51)	8/40	u/1

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KENJO Gohachiro (73)	8/41	CG 81st Inf Brig (6/44)
KIJIMA Jiro (72)	8/41	Chief Ord Dept Sixth Army (8/39)
KIJIMA Kesao (112)	3/43	CG 38th Ind Mixed Brig (6/44)
KIJIMA Shinichi (38)	3/39	Chief Otaru War Supplies Transport Control Dept (3/43)
KIKUCHI Nobuo (99)	10/41	Chief Medical Dept Western District Army (8/42) (Sixteenth Area Army)
KIMIHIRA Masatake (132)	8/43	A C of S Thirty-first Army (6/44)
KIMURA Eikichi (--)	----	u/1
KIMURA Naoki (--)	8/41	Chief Kyoto Regtl District (6/44)
KIMURA Yojiro (2234)	3/43	u/1
KINOSHITA Eiichi (76)	10/41	Comdt MP Sch (11/44)
KIRA Goichi (2233)	3/43	Chief Intendance Dept Fourteenth Area Army (8/44)
KISHIKAWA Kenichi (65)	3/41	CG 17th Ind Mixed Brig (10/43)
KITAGAWA Kiyomi (113)	3/43	CG 25th Flying Brig (2/45)
KITAJIMA Kumeo (116)	3/43	CG 11th Flying Div (8/44)
KITAMURA Katsuzo (132)	12/44	CG 50th Ind Mixed Brig (6/44)
KITAMURA Yoshifuto (151)	----	CG 13th Shipping Gp (4/44)
KITANO Seiji (100)	10/41	Chief Water Supply and Purif Dept Kwantung Army (8/42)
KITAZAWA Teijiro (52)	8/40	u/1
KITAZONO Toyozo (110)	3/43	CG 3rd Fld Transport Comd (12/42)
KO Shiyoku (60)	3/41	CG Philippines Internment Camps (3/44)
KOBA Tomotoki (140)	8/44	u/1
KOBATA Nobuyoshi (121)	3/43	Chief Intelligence Dept Kwantung Army (5/43)

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KOBAYASHI Gunji (120)	8/43	CG 2nd Factory, 1st Tokyo Ars; Atchd Tama Tech Re- search Institute (8/43)
KOBAYASHI Takashi (55)	8/40	CG Manila Def Comd* (1/45)
KOBORI Kinjo (77)	10/41	CG Java Fuel Storage Depot (3/44)
KODAMA Kyuzo (149)	----	Comdt Sendai Flying Sch (2/45)
KOGA Ryutaro (53)	8/40	CG 52nd Inf Brig (2/42)
KOI Hideji (--)	7/44	u/1
KOIKE Shoji (127)	----	u/1
KOIKE Tatsuji (138)	8/43	Chief Gen Affairs Sec Dept of Mil Tng (2/45)
KOIKE Yoshio (144)	4/44	CG 62nd Ind Mixed Brig (4/45) (?)
KOJI Yahachi (86)	8/42	CG Ord Dept Second Area Army (2/45)
KOJIMA Yoshinobu (85)	8/42	u/1
KOMAMURA Toshizo (79)	10/41	Chief Tech Dept Air Hq (1/44)
KOMATSU Jiro (--)	1939	Chief Taikyu Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
KOMATSU Yasutaka (--)	----	Chief Seishu Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
KOMATSUZAKI Rikio (74)	8/41	CG 1st Ind Mixed Brig (8/42)
KONDO Kanetoshi (91)	8/42	Comdt Tachiarai Air Schl (6/43); CG 3rd Air- field Comd (1/44)
KONDO Shinhachi (84)	8/42	CG 19th Ind Mixed Brig (11/44)
KONO Takeshi (72)	8/41	CG 77th Inf Brig (7/44)
KOYAIZU Masao (78)	10/41	Chief 6th Tech Research Institute (10/42)

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KUBO Teizo (90)	8/42	CG Fortification Dept Kwantung Army (8/42)
KUBOTA Takejiro (88)	8/42	CG 72nd Inf Brig (9/44) (?)
KUDO Ryoichi (115)	3/43	C of S Sixth Army (2/44)
KUMABE Masami (119)	3/43	Atchd Staff Air Exam Dept (2/45)
KUME Seichi (156)	----	Chief Air Transport Dept (8/44)
KUNIKATA Keizo (53)	8/40	Chief Mil Affairs Dept Formosa Army (2/44) (Tenth Area Army)
KUNISHI Kentaro (116)	----	CG 60th Inf Brig (11/44)
KUNOMURA Momoyo (57)	12/40	C of S Fifteenth Army (5/43)
KURABAYASHI Kimihide (65)	3/41	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 54th Depot Div (6/43)
KURAIISHI Chuichiro (--)	7/38	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 52nd Depot Div (10/43)
KURAMOTO Keijiro (133)	8/43	Atchd Ord Adm Hq; Chief Awards Investigation Dept (7/44)
KURISU Takeo (137)	7/43	CG 68th Brig (12/44)
KURODA Shigeru (141)	3/44	Chief Ord Dept Thailand Garrison Army (1/44) (Thirty-ninth Army)
KUWADA Koshiro (120)	----	CG 3rd Factory, 1st Tokyo Ars (4/40)
KUWADA Teizo (128)	----	CG 3rd Cav Brig (8/44)
KUWANA Teruni (--)	----	Chief Toyohara Regtl Dis- trict (3/45)
KUWAORI Katsushiro (118)	----	CG 4th Ry Transport Comd (11/44)
KYO Kenichi (52)	8/40	u/i
MABUCHI Itauo (143)	8/43	CG 27th Ind Mixed Brig (2/45)
MAKI Jiro (--)	----	Chief Zenshu Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
MAKINO Hiroshi (42)	8/39	u/i

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MANAKI Takanobu (74)	10/41	Acting CG 2nd Div (2/45)
MANO Yoahitake (108)	3/43	u/1
MARUYAMA Sadamu (--)	11/40	u/1
MASAI Yoshito (66)	8/41	CG Arty Unit Western District Army (6/42) (Sixteenth Area Army)
MASAKI Goro (2234)	8/43	Chief Intendence Dept First Area Army (2/44)
MASAKI Hiroshi (122)	3/43	u/1
MASUDA Masakichi (76)	10/41	Chief Ord Dept Eastern District Army (5/44) (Twelfth Area Army)
MASUOKA Kenshichi (66)	3/41	u/1
MATONO Kensaburo (126)	----	u/1
MATSUDA Iwao (89)	8/42	CG 66th Brig (10/43)
MATSUI Kanichi (39)	3/39	u/1
MATSUI Setsu (47)	3/40	CG 10th Fld Repl Unit (4/44)
MATSUMOTO Shidorio (106)	4/42	Chief Judicial Dept Kwantung Army; Judge Advocate Sp Court Martial Kwantung Army (3/43)
MATSUMOTO Shirushi (46)	10/39	CG Nagasaki Regtl District (7/44)
MATSUMURA Hideatsu (164)	8/44	Chief Information Dept Imperial General Hq (10/43)
MATSUO Eiichi (--)	----	Chief Hakodate Regtl District (3/45)
MATSUNOO Katsuaki (113)	3/43	CG 7th Ind Inf Brig (1/44)
MATSUTANI Hircharu (97)	8/40	u/1
MATSUURA Hoichi (73)	8/41	Chief Mil Affairs Dept Central District Army (11/44) (Fifteenth Area Army)
MATSUZAKI Naozo (80)	10/41	u/1

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MAZAKI Kumasō (80)	10/41	Chief 3rd Air Sig Comd (8/43)
MIHARA Shuji (118)	3/43	CG 1st Ry Transport Comd (8/43)
MINAGAWA Koichi (98)	8/40	u/1
MINEKI Toichirō (80)	10/41	CG Karafuto Mixed Brig (11/44)
MISHIMA Giichirō (80)	10/41	CG 3rd Arty Gp (2/44)
MISHIMA Yoshisada (171)	3/45	Atchd German Embassy (2/45)
MIYAKAWA Kyoza (54)	8/40	Chief Ord Dept China Ex- peditionary Army (6/43)
MIYAKE Sadahiko (119)	3/44	CG 20th Div Inf Gp (8/44)
MIYAMOTO Kiyokazu (118)	3/43	C of S 22nd Div (1/43)
MIYANO Masatoshi (115)	3/43	Asst Comdt Mil Academy Pre- paratory Sch (3/43)
MIYASHIRO Atsuyoshi (97)	8/39	u/1
MIYASHITA Fumio (89)	8/42	CG 11th Ind Inf Brig (2/44)
MIYASHITA Kenichirō (81)	10/41	CG 1st Ind Inf Brig (1/44)
MIYATA Kenjiro (6)	9/44	u/1
MIYAZAKI Takeshi (138)	----	CG 45th Ind Mixed Brig (5/44)
MIYOSHI Yasuyuki (136)	8/43	Comdt Br Sch Akeno Flying Sch (8/43)
MIZUHARA Yoshishige (--)	----	Chief Fukuoka War Supplies Transport Control Dept (2/43)
MORI Shigeki (77)	10/41	Atchd Ord Adm Hq; Asst Chief Horse Adm Bureau (7/43)
MORI Takashi (46)	10/39	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 6th Depot Div (10/43)
MORIKAWA Kiyoshi (68)	8/41	u/1
MORIMOTO Gunzo (121)	3/43	u/1
MORIMOTO Tadaichirō (37)	3/39	u/1
MORIMOTO Yukio (--)	----	Chief Nara Regtl Dis- trict (3/45)
MORIMURA Tsunetaro (--)	7/38	CG 1st Fld Repl Unit (4/44)

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MORITA Norinasa (---)	----	Chief Toyama Regtl District (3/45)
MORITAMA Tokumitsu (131)	3/44	u/1
MOTOIZUMI Kaoru (116)	8/43	Atchd Hq Kwantung Army (8/42)
MOTOYOSHI Keishiro (100)	8/42	Chief Medical Dept Fourth Army (11/41)
MUKAI Kinjiro (95)	8/41	Atchd Hq Central District Army (2/44) (Fifteenth Area Army)
MURAJI Toshio (44)	8/39	CG 2nd Fld Ry Comd (6/42)
MURAKAMI Makoto (87)	8/42	u/1
MURAKAMI Soji (117)	3/43	u/1
MURAKAMI Tokuji (98)	12/40	Chief 1st Hsinking MIL Hosp (8/43)
MURATA Kozo (112)	8/43	Supervisory O Ord Adm Hq; Supervisory O Air Hq; Atchd Mobilization Plans Bureau, War Ministry (4/44)
MURATA Takaiki (84)	8/42	CG 12th Ind Inf Brig (2/44)
MUROYA Chuichi (69)	8/41	Atchd Hq 51st Depot Div (2/44)
NAGAI Shigesaburo (2233)	3/43	u/1
NAGAMINE Kiichi (116)	3/43	u/1
NAGANO Eiichi (121)	8/43	CG 11th Gar Comd (1/44)
NAGANO Kameichiro (78)	10/41	CG 34th Ind Mixed Brig (11/43)
NAGANO Murato (70)	8/41	Comdt Ord Sch (12/42)
NAGANUMA Toshio (115)	4/43	Comdt Mecz Maint Sch (12/43)
NAGAO Takeo (111)	3/43	Chief Adm Dept Eastern District Army (3/44) (Twelfth Area Army)
NAGAOKA Hisashi (---)	----	Chief Mil Affairs Dept Tokyo (3rd Guards) Div District (3/45)
NAGASHIMA Tsutomu (83)	8/42	CG 54th Inf Brig (4/42)

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NAGATA Naotake (85)	8/42	Atchd Southern Fuel Depot (10/42)
NAGATOMO Taugio (1941)	----	CG Osaka MP Det (2/44)
NAGAZAWA Saburo (115)	3/43	u/1
NAGOSHI Tokinaga (--)	----	Chief Mito Regtl District (3/45)
NAGUMO Shinichiro (--)	----	Chief Yamagata Regtl District (3/45)
NAGURA Shiori (60)	12/40	CG 4th Armd Div (9/44)
NAKAGAWA Tomso (133)	8/43	C of S Mongolia Garrison Army (10/44)
NAKAGIMURA Kunizo (94)	12/40	Chief Intendance Dept Kwantung Defense Army (7/41)
NAKAI Masutaro (131)	8/43	u/1
NAKAI Tsutao (76)	10/41	u/1
NAKAJIMA Hisuo (2--)	----	Atchd Western District Army (3/43) (Sixteenth Area Army)
NAKAJIMA Tokutaro (53)	8/40	CG 63rd Inf Brig (6/43)
NAKAJIMA Yokichi (64)	3/41	Chief Ord Dept Third Area Army (10/43)
NAKAMURA Hajime (121)	8/43	Inspector of Transport Troops (11/44)
NAKAMURA Hanosuke (--)	----	Chief Otsu Regtl District (3/45)
NAKAMURA Seichi (47)	3/40	u/1
NAKAMURA Takahisa (120)	----	Chief Tech Dept Fuel Hq (3/44)
NAKAMURA Yoshiaki (49)	3/40	Chief Air Ord Dept Southern Army (1/44)
NAKANISHI Ryosuke (71)	8/41	C of S Fifth Air Army (10/44)
NAKANISHI Sadayoshi (82)	10/41	Tech Advisor Mobilization Plans Bureau War Ministry (11/43)
NAKANO Ryoji (90)	8/42	Chief Central Sp Intelligence Sec (7/43)

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NAKAO Tadahiko (--)	----	Chief Shingishu Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
NAKASHIMA Haruhiko (97)	8/40	CG 12th Southern Mil Hosp (8/42)
NAKASHIMA Keizo (116)	3/43	CG Palembang Dist CHQ (1/44)
NAKASHIMA Kichisaburo (63)	3/41	CG 1st Border Dist CHQ (3/44)
NAKASHIRO Toyojiro (--)	----	Chief Sapporo District (3/45) (78) Chief of Iwakuni
NAKAYAMA Masayasu (88)	8/42	CG 24th Div Arty Gp (6/42)
NAKAYAMA Motoo (155)	----	Atchd Ord Adm Hq; Atchd Mil Affairs Bureau Ministry (8/44)
NAKAYAMA Sadatake (115)	3/43	C of S Eleventh Army (2/44)
NANKAKU Nagahide (73)	8/41	Atchd Air Hq (1/44)
NASHIOKA Hisao (130)	----	CG 55th Inf Brig (10/44)
NASU Yoshio (122)	3/43	Chief Army Affairs Bureau (3/43) (HEIMU KYOKU)
NIIZUMA Takeshi (--)	4/44	Chief Remount Dept; Chief Central Horse Depot (4/44)
NIMURA Satoshi (73)	8/41	Atchd Tachikawa Air Maint Sch (1/44)
NINOMIYA Genichi (--)	----	Chief Koehu Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
NISHIFUJI Kinsaku (84)	8/42	CG 6th Fld Transport Comd (8/42)
NISHIHARA Hachisaburo (--)	7/38	Atchd Hq Eastern District Army (6/43) (Twelfth Area Army)
NISHIMI Jiro (110)	3/43	u/1
NISHIMURA Otetsugu (179)	----	u/1
NISHIMURA Toshio (145)	----	u/1
NISHIOEDA Yutaka (68)	8/41	u/1

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NISHIWAKI Sokichi (52)	8/40	CG 61st Inf Brig (7/42)
NISHIYAMA Keikichi (2464)	3/44	Chief 3rd Southern Mil Hosp (8/42)
NOBUUJI Ryokichi (60)	3/41	Chief Research Sec, 2nd Tokyo Ars (4/40)
NOGUCHI Shizuo (---)	----	CG 81st Inf Brig (10/44)
NOGUCHI Yuzihiro (---)	----	u/1
NOJI Kahsai (68)	8/41	CG 5th Ind Inf Brig (1/44)
NOMI Toshiro (57)	12/40	CG MP Dept Formosa Army (1/44) (Tenth Area Army)
NOMIZO Kazuhiko (53)	8/40	CG 51st Inf Brig (7/42)
NOZOE Tsurukichi (93)	3/40	u/1
NUKADA Hiroshi (79)	10/41	Chief Pers Bureau, War Ministry (2/45)
NUMADA Hideharu (88)	8/42	MA to FRANCE and BELGIUM; Atchd Tech Hq; Atchd Air Hq; Director of Personnel in FRANCE (7/39) (Most recently at SIGMARINGEN, GERMANY)
OBARA Kazuaki (84)	8/42	CG 3rd Ind Mixed Brig (3/44)
OBATA Michinori (106)	4/42	Chief Judicial Dept North China Area Army (4/42)
OCHIAI Matsujiro (87)	8/42	CG 13th Ind Inf Brig (2/44)
OCHIAI Teigo (67)	8/41	Chief Sp Intelligence Dept Hankow (1/44)
ODA Masato (123)	8/43	CG 70th Ind Mixed Brig (9/44)
OGATA Tokiyoshi (59)	12/40	Chief 1st Air Tech Research Institute (10/42)
OGAWA Dankichi (88)	8/42	Chief Gen Affairs Dept Fuel Hq (3/44)
OGAWA Gonnosuke (81)	10/41	Chief Ord Dept Fifth Area Army (3/44)

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OGAWA Saburo (124)	8/43	Chief Survey Dept Southern Army (7/44)
OGAWA Yasuzaburo (135)	----	CG 76th Ind Mixed Brig (4/45)
OGAWA Zenaho (112)	----	Chief Matsue Regtl District (3/45)
OIGAWA Hachiro (108)	----	CG 83rd Inf Brig (10/44)
OKA Tetsunosuke (107)	8/43	u/1
OKABE Eiichi (158)	----	u/1
OKABE Toru (73)	8/41	CG 32nd Gar Comd (2/44)
OKADA Kikusaburo (139)	8/43	u/1
OKADA Motoharu (156)	----	Comdt Engr Sch (11/44)
OKADA Shigeichi (143)	8/43	u/1
OKAMOTO Masayoshi (95)	8/42	Chief Intendance Dept Formosa Army (8/42) (Tenth Area Army)
OKAMOTO Shizuomi (--)	7/38	Chief Keijo Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
OKAMURA Katsumi (110)	3/43	CG 70th Inf Brig (6/43)
OKI Yoshie (114)	----	CG Central Sumatra Fuel Storage Depot (3/44)
OKO Kumaichiro (121)	8/43	CG Tng Unit Southern Army (8/43)
OKUBO Ichioiku (52)	8/40	u/1
OKUMA Sadao (74)	8/41	u/1
OKUMURA Hanji (50)	3/40	Atchd Hq Kwantung Army (3/44)
OKUMURA Kyohei (39)	5/39	Supervisory O Ord Adm Hq (6/43)
OKUTSU Keizaburo (67)	8/41	u/1
OMAE Kensaburo (88)	8/42	Chief Land Survey Dept (10/43)
OKUYAMA Masao (--)	12/44	u/1
OMOTO Kimio (--)	6/44	CG 25th Ind Mixed Brig (11/44)

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OMOTO Shiro (130)	8/43	Atchd Hq North China Area Army (8/43)
ONITAKE Goichi (119)	8/43	CG 7th Ind Gar Unit (8/43)
ONO Kenzaburo (---)	----	u/1
ONO Keichi (58)	12/40	CG MP Unit China Expeditionary Army (8/43)
ONO Nobuaki (---)	----	Comdt Osaka Mil Preparatory Sch (2/45)
ONO Yukimori (72)	8/41	Chief Tech Dept Kwantung Army (11/39)
ONODERA Makoto (142)	8/43	MA SWEDEN; Atchd Army Dept Imperial General Hq (11/40)
OSACHI Kisaburo (58)	12/40	CG Kokura Ars (10/43)
OSUGA Kotoo (75)	10/41	u/1
OTA Sadamasa (57)	12/40	CG 58th Inf Brig (4/42)
OTA Teru (2234)	8/43	Chief 4th Bureau Air Ord Control Bureau Mun Ministry; Tech Advisor War Ministry (11/43)
OTA Totaro (83)	8/42	Chief Urawa Regtl District (3/45)
OTABARA Kiyomi (106)	4/42	u/1
OTANI Osamu (90)	8/42	Supt Air Hq in Germany (11/40)
OTANI Shoichi (2935)	8/43	Chief Supply Sec Water Purif Dept Kwantung Army (12/40)
OTSUBO Kazuma (137)	8/43	u/1
OTSUKA Misao (3063)	3/44	Chief Judicial Dept Seventh Area Army (3/44)
OTSUKA Takeo (2463)	8/43	Chief 1st Peiping Mil Hosp (7/43)
OZAWA Takeo (51)	3/40	Comdt Paichengtsu Air Sch (9/43) (Now called Utsunomiya Tng Flying Div)
OZEKI Ichiro (48)	3/40	u/1
SAITO Itaru (93)	3/40	u/1

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SAITO Junsaku (97)	3/40	CG Tientsin Mil Hosp (8/42)
SAITO Masatoshi (38)	3/39	u/1
SAITO Tsutomu (2463)	3/43	Instr Medical Sch; Atchd 1st Tokyo Hosp; Atchd Air Tech Research Institute; Atchd Research Institute Tech Hq(8/37)
SAKAI Shukichi (72)	8/41	u/1
SAKAMOTO Sueo (83)	8/42	CG 39th Ind Mixed Brig (7/44)
SAKAMOTO Yoshitaro (120)	8/43	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 56th Depot Div (7/44)
SAKATA Motoichi (56)	12/40	u/1
SAKATO Naotaka (90)	8/42	Chief 5th Air Tech Research Institute (10/42)
SAKUMA Seichi (75)	10/41	CG 66th Inf Brig (10/43)
SAKURAI Ryoza (135)	8/43	u/1
SAKURAI Tokutaro (133)	8/43	CG 55th Div Inf Gp (8/43)
SANADA Joichiro (140)	8/43	u/1
SANNOMIYA Mitsuji (81)	10/41	CG Hoyo Fortress (8/43)
SARUYA Yoshitaro (51)	8/40	Chief Air Arsenal (4/40)
SASA Akira (37)	7/38	u/1
SASAJI Taro (153)	4/44	u/1
SASAKI Isamu (55)	8/40	Chief Maebashi Regtl District (3/45)
SASAKI Minoru (45)	8/39	Atchd Hq Eighth Area Army (11/43)
SATAKE Katsuji (87)	8/42	CG 6th Tank Brig (3/44) (Redesignated 6th Ind Tank Brig)
SATO Bunzo (122)	----	CG 58th Ind Mixed Brig (12/44)
SATO Kaname (--)	7/38	u/1
SATO Kenryo (82)	10/41	u/1
SATO Masaichi (77)	10/41	C of S First Air Army (3/44)

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SATO Suguru (126)	3/43	A C of S (Supply) Kwantung Army (2/44)
SATO Susumu (Retired)	8/37	Vice Chief of the Tng Hq of the Dai Nippon Aviation Assn (7/43)
SATO Tadasu (52)	8/40	CG 4th Fld Ry Comd (2/44)
SATO Tamenori (113)	3/43	CG 37th Ind Mixed Brig (2/44)
SATO Yusuke (93)	3/40	Chief Intendance Dept Central District Army (2/44) (Fifteenth Area Army)
SAWADA Yasutomi (66)	3/41	CG Shipping Forces (4/44)
SAWAMOTO Rikichiro (121)	3/43	C of S Thirty-third Army (2/45)
SEKIYA Kiyoshi (--)	5/41	Chief Matsuyama Regtl District (3/45)
SENDA Sadao (38)	3/39	CG 2nd Mixed Brig* (10/44)
SENDA Sadasue (128)	----	Atchd Hq 109th Div (11/44)
SHIBA Nobutaka (124)	8/43	CG 43rd Ind Mixed Brig (4/44)
SHIBASHI Kanji (89)	8/42	CG 7th Fld Transport Comd (8/42)
SHIBAYAMA Yoshio (2464)	8/43	Chief Hiroshima Mil Hosp (3/43)
SHIDEI Tsunamasa (54)	8/40	u/1
SHIGEMATSU Kiyoshi (113)	3/43	u/1
SHIGEMATSU Yoshimasa (127)	8/43	CG 71st Inf Brig (6/43)
SHIGENGBU Yoshikata (140)	----	CG Inf Tng Unit China Expeditionary Army (3/44)
SHIGEYASU Akinosuke (176)	3/45	Stf O Second Area Army (5/44)
SHIHO Kinichiro (112)	3/43	Comdt Sig Sch (11/44)
SHII Masato (108)	8/43	Supervisory O Ord Adm Hq (6/43)
SHIMADA Tomosaburo (105)	4/42	Chief Judicial Dept Eastern District Army (Twelfth Area Army) and Imperial Guards Depot Div; Judge Advocate Supreme Court Martial (4/42)

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SHIMIZU Masao (82)	8/42	Chief Asahigawa Regtl District (3/45)
SHIMIZU Moriakira (89)	8/42	MA to Italy (4/44)
SHIMIZU Toraji (101)	8/39	Chief Central Medical Supply Depot (3/40)
SHIMOKOBE Kenji (120)	8/43	CG 23rd Ind Mixed Brig (4/44)
SHINDO Noboru (98)	3/41	Chief Medical Dept Korea Army (6/43) (Seventeenth Area Army)
SHINODA Ryo (70)	8/41	Chief 9th Tech Research Institute; Atchd General Staff (6/41)
SHINOHARA Sakura (22)	----	Chief Shizuoka Regtl District (3/45)
SHIRATAKI Rishiro (77)	10/41	CG 18th Ind Gar Unit* (4/43)
SHIROTO Shunichi (146)	8/44	CG 9th Arty Comd (3/45)
SHITOMIYA Ryuzo (99)	10/41	Chief Medical Dept Fourth Air Army (7/43)
SHOGE Ryoichi (85)	8/42	Atchd Hq Eighteenth Army (9/44)
SHOJI Toshishige (138)	10/44	Chief Sendai Regtl District (3/45)
SHUNDO Kiyoshi (22)	----	Chief Shunsen Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
SOGAFA Shiro (22)	----	Chief Keijo Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
SOMA Kihachiro (60)	3/41	Chief 1st Tech Research Institute (8/42)
SUENITSU Motohiro (46)	3/40	u/1
SUENAGA Tsunetaro (137)	8/44	u/1
SUGADA Tateuji (22)	----	CG Borneo PW Camp (8/42)
SUGAJI Taro (153)	3/44	Atchd Hq Eighth Area Army (3/44)
SUGANAMI Ichiro (83)	8/42	C of S Governor General's Dept Hongkong Occupied Territory (11/42)

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SUGINO Iwao (123)	----	CG 73rd Inf Brig (4/44)
SUGINO Komei (2464)	8/43	Chief Medical Dept Sixteenth Army (3/43)
SUGIURA Tatsuo (40)	8/39	Chief 1st Tokyo Ars (4/40)
SUKEKAWA Seiji (--)	7/38	u/1
SUMIYOSHI Tadashi (64)	3/41	u/1
SUNAGAWA Yasushi (--)	3/38	Governor of JONORE PRO- VINCE MALAYA (3/42)
SUZUKI Heyori (--)	----	Chief Aomori Regtl Dis- trict (3/45)
SUZUKI Keiji (139)	8/43	C of S Twenty-seventh Army (3/44)
SUZUKI Shigeji (67)	8/41	CG 44th Ind Mixed Brig (5/44)
SUZUKI Shigeyoshi (105)	4/42	Chief Judicial Dept First Air Army; Judge Advocate Court Martial First Air Army (10/43); Chief Judicial Dept 1st Guards Div; Judge Advocate Court Martial 1st Guards Div (1/44)
SUZUKI Tadaashi (119)	8/43	Atchd Kungchuling Sch (8/43)
SUZUKI Tadazumi (105)	4/42	Chief Judicial Dept Central District Army; Judge Advo- cate Court Martial Central District Army (4/42) (Fifteenth Area Army) Chief Judicial Dept 4th De- pot Div; Judge Advocate Court Martial 4th Div (9/43)
SUZUKI Tetsuzo (117)	3/43	CG 55th Ind Mixed Brig (6/43)
SUZUKI Toshiyuki (--)	7/38	Chief Ord Dept Western Dis- trict Army (6/43) (Sixteenth Area Army)
SUZUKI Yoshisaburo (112)	8/43	CG 11th Shipping Gp (9/43)
TACHIBANA Shoichi (45)	8/39	Chief 3rd Tech Research Institute (6/41)
TADA Benkichiro (94)	8/40	Chief Intendence Dept Third Area Army (10/43)

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TADA Tamotsu (84)	8/42	CG 6th Ind Inf Brig (1/44)
TADA Yoichi (77)	10/41	Atchd 5th Tech Research Institute (6/43)
TAGA Tetsushiro (85)	8/42	CG 23rd Div Inf Gp (8/42)
TAGAKI Sumio (2987)	----	Chief Vet Dept Third Area Army (10/43)
TAJIMA Hikotaro (72)	8/41	u/1
TAKAGI Rokuro (95)	8/42	Chief Central Munitions Dept (6/44)
TAKAHASHI Masao (50)	3/40	Chief Mil Affairs Dept Hiroshima Div District (3/45)
TAKAHASHI Mosuke (43)	8/39	CG Shimonoseki Fortress (3/43)
TAKAHASHI Tan (66)	3/41	C of S North China Area Army (10/44)
TAKAJI Moto (84)	8/42	Chief MP Dept Korea Army (8/43 (Seventeenth Area Army)
TAKASHIMA Kazuo (103)	8/40	Chief Vet Dept Southern Army (11/41)
TAKASHIMA Tatsuhiko (114)	3/43	C of S Third Army (3/43)
TAKASHIMA Tomo (178)	----	C of S 7th Flying Div (1/43)
TAKASUGA Hironobu (93)	8/40	u/1
TAKADA, Kiyohide (120)	3/43	CG 5th Fld Transport Comd (8/43); Inspector L/C Burma Area Army (5/44)
TAKATA Toshisada (112)	3/43	u/1
TAKAYAMA Kameo (107)	8/43	Chief Ord Dept Burma Area Army (6/43)
TAKEDA Hisashi (85)	8/42	CG 1st Fld Base Force (10/43)
TAKEDA Nobuo (69)	8/41	Chief Works Dept Ord Adm Hq (12/43)
TAKEDA Seichi (107)	8/43	CG Yura Fortress (3/43)
TAKEDA Seichi (73)	8/41	CG 1st Arty Comd (2/44)
TAKEDA Toyokichi (127)	8/43	u/1
TAKEMOTO Hidemaro (131)	2/43	u/1

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TAKEUCHI Bunji (2464)	5/44	u/1
TAKEUCHI Yasumori (63)	3/41	CG 8th Ind Mixed Brig (9/43)
TAKEUCHI Zenji (111)	3/43	CG Tsugaru Fortress (2/43)
TAKUMI Hiroshi (59)	12/40	Chief Ranan Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
TAMADA Yoshio (81)	10/41	CG 2nd Amph Brig (3/44)
TANAKI Harukazu (134)	8/43	CG Paoting Res O Candidate Unit (1/44)
TAMURA Hiroshi (87)	8/42	CG 12th Arty Gp (12/42)
TAMURA Nobutake (71)	8/41	Chief Nagoya Ars (2/45)
TAMURA Yoshishichi (110)	3/43	CG 6th Ry Transport Comd (3/43)
TAMURA Yoshitomo (130)	8/43	C of S Thirty-first Army (7/44)
TANABE Suketomo (62)	3/41	u/1
TANAKA Osamu (123)	3/43	Chief Ord Dept Southern Army (6/43)
TANAKA Ryukichi (50)	3/40	u/1
TANAKA Seizo (113)	8/43	Comdt Gifu Air Maint Sch (1/43)
TANAKA Takayoshi (50)	3/40	u/1.
TANAKA Tomoji (95)	8/42	u/1
TANAKA Tomomichi (66)	8/41	Comdt Air Sig Sch (8/44)
TANIBATA Tadashi (95)	10/41	Chief Intendance Dept Western District Army (6/43) (Sixteenth Area Army)
TANIGUCHI Goro (39)	5/39	CG 12th Fld Transport Comd (8/43)
TANIGUCHI Haruji (76)	10/41	CG Arty Unit Eastern Dis- trict Army (3/43) (Twelfth Area Army)
TANIGUCHI Hatsuza (117)	3/43	u/1
TANITA Isamu (59)	12/40	CG Sig Unit Eighth Area Army (3/43)

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TASAKA Yasohachi (114)	3/43	CG 53rd Inf Brig (3/43)
TASHIO Taizo (54)	8/40	CG 5th Fld Repl Unit (3/44)
TATEISHI Horyo (142)	8/43	MA TURKEY (12/38)
TATSUKAWA Yasunosuke (--)	8/43	u/1
TERADA Masao (81)	10/41	Atchd Mecz Hq (4/44)
TERAGAKI Tadao (78)	10/41	C of S Twelfth Army (9/44)
TERAMOTO Shio (76)	10/41	u/1
TOGANO Takaji (--)	4/43	u/1
TOKUNAGA Shikanosuke (156)	----	A C of S North China Area Army (8/44)
TOMOCHIKA Yoshiharu (160)	7/44	C of S Thirty-fifth Army (2/45)
TOMODA Shikuji (--)	3/44	u/1
TOYAMA Hiromichi (86)	8/42	CG Operational Tng Tank Brig (11/44)
TSUDA Tatsumi (--)	----	Chief Kumamoto Regtl District (3/45)
TSUJI Enbu (86)	8/42	Chief Ord Dept Central District Army (12/42) (Fifteenth Area Army)
TSUKADA Rikichi (73)	8/41	CG 1st Raiding Gp (11/44)
TSUKINOKI Masao (64)	3/41	CG Nagasaki Fortress (10/42)
TSUTSUMI Shinsaku (69)	8/41	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 5th Depot Div (3/44)
UCHIDA Eiki (2236)	----	CG Intendance Dept Seventh Area Army (2/45)
UCHINO Uichi (177)	3/45	C of S 46th Div (10/43)
UEBAYASHI Shojiro (99)	10/41	Asst Comdt Medical Sch (7/43)
UEDA Masao (147)	----	Chief Def Sec Soldiers' Affairs Bureau War Ministry (HEIMU KYOKU) (10/41); atohd Ord Adm Hq (3/44)
UEHARA Kei (98)	3/41	Chief Medical Dept Eighth Area Army (11/42)
UEYAMA Hidetaka (135)	----	CG Gen Affairs Dept Manila Air Depot* (5/44)

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UGAKI Matsushiro (154)	3/44	A C of S Tenth Area Army (2/45)
UNO Michio (83)	8/42	Atchd Hq Southern Army (11/44)
USUI Kengo (72)	8/41	CG Muroran Def Comd (9/43)
UZAWA Naonobu (75)	10/41	Comdt Toyama Sch (3/43)
UZUKAWA Masayoshi (92)	8/40	CG Intendance Dept Eastern District Army (11/41) (Twelfth Area Army)
WADA Kosuke (44)	8/39	CG 5th Arty Comd (4/42)
WAKAMATSU Heiji (--)	8/39	Chief Miyazaki Regtl District (3/45)
WAKE Tadafumi (138)	8/43	CG Jinsen Ars (10/43)
WANI Tadataka (2463)	3/43	u/1
WATANABE Hiroshi (66)	8/41	C of S Third Area Army (10/43)
WATANABE Koichi (99)	8/41	CG 8th Air Tech Research Institute (7/43)
WATANABE Kumeichi (144)	----	Atchd Air Sig Sch (4/44)
WATANABE Masao (88)	8/42	CG 52nd Ind Mixed Brig (5/44)
WATANABE Masaru (82)	10/41	CG 9th Fld Repl Unit (2/44)
WATANABE Naotomo (39)	3/39	Chief Mil Affairs Dept 53rd Depot Div (7/44)
WATANABE Nobuyoshi (124)	3/43	CG 5th Shipping Transport Comd; CG 3rd Shipping Gp (4/44)
WATANABE Wataru (122)	3/43	Tech Advisor Mobilization Plans Bureau War Ministry (12/43)
YAGASAKI Setsuzo (136)	----	u/1
YAGI Kozo (94)	12/40	Chief Intendance Dept Second Air Army (8/42)
YAHAGI Nakao (119)	3/43	C of S Twenty-fifth Army (10/44) (?)
YAJIMA Masayoshi (3063)	----	Chief Judicial Dept Eighth Area Army (4/44)

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YAMADA Eizo (78)	10/41	CG 1st Shipping Gp (2/43)
YAMADA Hisamatsu (77)	10/41	u/1
YAMADA Shigeru (82)	10/41	CG 4th Engr Unit (3/43)
YAMAGAMI Muneharu (3063)	3/45	Chief Judicial Dept Second Area Army (10/43)
YAMAGUCHI Shinichi (62)	3/41	u/1
YAMAGUCHI Takeo (136)	----	CG 53rd Ind Mixed Brig (6/44)
YAMAGUCHI Tsuhio (127)	3/43	A C of S Fourth Air Army* (11/44)
YAMAIKE Yasumasa (--)	6/44	u/1
YAMAMORI Toshimasa (108)	3/43	Atchd Ord Adm Hq (3/44)
YAMAMOTO Hiroshi (39)	3/38	u/1
YAMAMOTO Kiyoei (88)	8/42	Acting CG 15th Div (2/45)
YAMAMOTO Sasaki (117)	----	Chief Ord Dept Seventh Area Army (3/44)
YAMAMOTO Shigeichiro (139)	8/43	C of S Sixteenth Army; Chief Mil Adm Inspectorate Sixteenth Army (11/44)
YAMAMOTO Toshi (164)	----	C of S Thirteenth Army (11/44)
YAMAMOTO Tsunoru (83)	8/42	CG 72nd Ind Mixed Brig (11/44)
YAMAMURA Haruo (48)	3/40	u/1
YAMANAKA Shigeru (64)	3/41	u/1
YAMANE Sadakichi (103)	8/40	Chief Vet Dept China Expeditionary Army (1/41)
YAMAOKA Michitake (118)	3/43	Atchd Inf Sch (3/43)
YAMAWAKI Masao (87)	8/42	u/1
YAMAZAKI Kiyotsugu (82)	10/41	Chief Arty Tng Unit China Expeditionary Army (6/43)
YANAGI Isamu (114)	8/43	CG 67th Inf Brig (6/43)
YANAGI Shigetoshi (81)	10/41	CG 1st Fuel Storage Depot (3/44)
YANASE Makoto (137)	12/43	Comdt Otsu Air Preparatory Sch (3/44)

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YANO Masao (77)	10/41	C of S Mongolia Garrison Army (12/42) Chief Intelligence Dept Mongolia Garrison Army (8/43)
YANG Yeshinori (2463)	8/43	u/1
YASATO Satomichi (163)	8/44	Minister to INNER MONGOLIA (KALGAN) (7/44); Tech Advisor Hq Mongolia Garrison Army (8/44)
YASHIRO Teichi (94)	3/41	Chief Intendence Dept Fifth Area Army (3/44)
YASUMI Kinsaburo (89)	8/42	CG 1st Engr Unit (7/42)
YOKOO Hiroshi (115)	3/43	Chief Ord Dept Fourteenth Area Army (12/42)
YOKOTA Toyoichiro (86)	8/42	u/1
YOKOYAMA Kenzo (1941)	----	Awaiting Orders (8/44)
YOKOYAMA Muneichi (104)	8/41	u/1
YOKOYAMA Shizuaki (--)	----	Chief Fusan Mil Affairs Dept Korea Army (3/45) (Seventeenth Area Army)
YOSHIDA Gompachi (120)	3/43	CG Rangoon AA Def Comd (7/43)
YOSHIDA Hiromu (46)	10/39	Chief Gifu Regtl District (3/45)
YOSHIDA Kihachiro (74)	10/41	Acting CG 10th Air Div (3/44)
YOSHIDA Motohiko (123)	3/43	Chief Gen Affairs Sec Southern Fuel Hq (3/44)
YOSHIDA Sadao (37)	3/39	CG 4th Airfield Comd (1/44)
YOSHIDA Tomonori (77)	10/41	Atchd Ord Adm Hq (10/43)
YOSHIETSU Mikio (99) (KAETSU)	8/41	Chief Medical Dept Eastern District Army (12/41) (Twelfth Area Army)
YOSHIKAWA Nobuyoshi (64)	3/41	CG 14th Ind Inf Brig (2/44)
YOSHIMURA Ichiro (103)	8/39	Comdt Vet Sch (1/41)
YOSHIMURA Masayoshi (85)	8/42	u/1

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YOSHINAGA Sunao (150)	----	Atchd Hamamatsu Tng Flying Div (4/44)
YOSHINO Hiroyuki (149)	----	u/1
YOSHIOKA Zenjiro (78)	10/41	Inspector of Engrs (11/44)
YOTA Ryuichi (2223)	----	Atchd Hq Central District Army (4/44) (Fifteenth Area Army)
YUGUCHI Toshitaro (117)	8/43	CG 80th Inf Brig (7/44)

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The following is the weekly list of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL (all dates are 1944 unless otherwise specified).

MINOR UNITS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
9th Ind MG Bn	E CHINA ✓	December	
14th Ind MG Bn	RYUKYUS	October	
4th Ind Hv Arty Bn	LUZON	October	
101st Strategic Location Balloon Unit	PALEMBANG	September	
70th Fld AAA Bn	ANDAMAN IS Elms BURMA	February March	
3rd Machine Cn Bn	KOKURA (W JAPAN)	May	
54th Sp Machine Cn Unit	LUZON	December	
55th, 56th Sp Machine Cn Units	Unlocated	August	
103rd Fld Rd Cons Unit	API (BORNEO)	December	
75th Cons Duty Co	API (BORNEO)	December	
10th Sp Cons Duty Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: E NEW GUINEA
27th Sp Cons Duty Co	RABAUL area	July	
125th Ind Wire Co	LUZON	January 1945	
75th Ind Transport Bn	CENTRAL & S CHINA ✓	December	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
206th Ind Motor Transport Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: Unlocated
29th Motor Transport Regt	SHANGHAI ✓	December	CENTRAL CHINA
94th, 95th Casualty Clearing Plats	BURMA	December	
60th Land Duty Co	Unlocated		Formerly carried: BURMA
6th Sp Land Duty Co	RABUL area		
13th Sp Land Duty Co	SUMATRA	January 1945	
Thirty-ninth Army Fld Freight Depot	THAILAND	November	
88th L/C Sector Unit	LUZON	January 1945	

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Japanese Ground Forces  
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A. SUMMARY.

1. JAPAN--Movement of non-divisional artillery units to JAPAN. (B.1.)
2. RYUKYUS--Location of 21st and 22nd Ind Mixed Regts. (B.5.a.)
3. FORMOSA--Location of 76th Ind Mixed Brig. (B.5.b.)
4. MANCHURIA--Location of 112th Div. (B.9.)
5. N CHINA--Identification of 113th Div. 1st Ind Inf Brig dropped. (B.10.a.)
6. E CHINA--Identification of 133rd Div. (B.10.b.)
7. FRENCH INDO-CHINA--Location of Thirty-eighth Army Advance Hq and 22nd Div. (B.11.a.)
8. MALAYA--Location of 46th Div. (B.11.b.)
9. SUMATRA-JAVA--Location of 27th Ind Mixed Regt and identification of 28th Ind Mixed Regt. (B.11.c, d.)
10. CELEBES--Planned movement of troops from area. (B.11.g.)
11. BANDA SEA--Movement of Second Army Hq. (B.11.h.)
12. Japanese rocket gun units. (C.1.)
13. Organization of 22nd Div. (C.2.)

B. IDENTIFICATIONS, STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS.

1. General.

a. Beginning with this issue of the Bulletin, JAPAN (less HOKKAIDO) will be treated in a manner that is believed to conform with the new command structure there. Information will be discussed under the headings of "First General Army" and "Second General Army", with sub-headings

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for each Area Army subordinated to those Armies rather than under the one heading heretofore used. The boundary between the First and Second General Armies is still unknown but the Eleventh and Twelfth Area Armies will be carried tentatively under the First General Army, while the Fifth Area Army will be carried under the Imperial General Hq, and the Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Area Armies will be carried tentatively under the Second General Army.

b. Plans for the movement of a substantial number of troops from MANCHURIA and/or KOREA to JAPAN in April were reported in Bulletin 59 and possible divisional units which might be involved were also mentioned. The following non-divisional artillery units have now been identified as moving from MANCHURIA to JAPAN during April 1945:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>
7th Arty Comd		JAPAN	150 (T/O)
5th Arty Intelligence Regt		JAPAN	641 (GX2524)
10th Medium Arty Regt		JAPAN?	1,700 (GX2580)
9th Ind Hv Arty Bn		KYUSHU	920 (GX2640)
12th Ind Hv Arty Bn		JAPAN	920 (estimated) (GX2548)

Other identified artillery units moving at the same time, but whose direction of movement has not been determined, are the 1st Rocket Gun Bn (see par C.1.) and the 23rd Ind Arty Mortar Bn.

2. FIRST GENERAL ARMY.

No changes.

3. SECOND GENERAL ARMY.

SIXTEENTH AREA ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: 246,000, increased from 230,000. Army ground strength is increased to 128,000 from 112,000 to reflect the presence of the 57th Div (see Bulletin 61).

b. No other changes.

4. FIFTH AREA ARMY.

No changes.

5. TENTH AREA ARMY.

a. RYUKYUS.

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(1) General: New evidence confirms the (J47234) subordination of the 301st Ind Inf Bn (YAEYAMA RETTO) to the 45th Ind Mixed Brig (ISHIGAKI).

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(2) Strength estimate: 104,000, reduced from 116,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 84,000 from 94,000, Army and Navy Air ground to 5,000 from 6,000 and Navy ground to 15,000 from 16,000 to reflect reported casualties and the presence of the 22nd Ind Mixed Regt (see par (4) below).

(3) New identifications: none.

(4) New locations and movements: The 22nd Ind Mixed Regt, heretofore carried unlocated, has been identified in the AMAMI Gp and the location of the 21st Ind Mixed Regt in the AMAMI Gp has been confirmed. (OIH67)

b. FORMOSA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none. (JX33683

(3) New locations and movements: The 76th Ind Mixed Brig, heretofore carried tentatively on FORMOSA (see Bulletin 59), has now been identified tentatively in the KEELUNG Area (N FORMOSA). 40842  
47038  
47285  
49982  
31149  
31147  
32248  
38122  
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J37939  
J37940)

6. SEVENTEENTH AREA ARMY.

No changes.

7. OGASAWARA FORCE.

No changes.

8. THIRTY-FIRST ARMY.

No changes.

9. KWANTUNG ARMY.

a. Strength estimate: 606,000, reduced from 609,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 576,000 from 579,000 to reflect a reassessment of the strength deducted at the time of the movement of the 57th and 11th Divs.

b. New identifications: none.

c. New locations and movements: The 112th Div, formerly carried unlocated in MANCHURIA, has been tentatively identified at HUNCHUN. (J55178)

10. CHINA EXPEDITIONARY ARMY.

a. N CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 325,000, increased

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from 320,000. Army ground strength is increased to 315,000 from 310,000 to reflect the identification of a new division (see par (2) below).

(2) New identifications: A new division, (CFBX tentatively identified as the 113th, is located at YEN- 3613 CHOW. It is believed to have absorbed the 1st Ind Inf A360/ Brig which is dropped from Order of Battle. 004)

(3) No other changes.

b. EAST CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 143,000, increased from 133,000. Army ground strength is increased to 122,000 from 112,000 to reflect the identification of a new division (see par (2) below).

(2) New identifications: The 133rd Div has (OSSA been identified in the HANGCHOW area. The 99th and 100th 54117 Inf Brigs are components of this Division. GX2529

(3) No other changes. JX39466 GX1913)

c. CENTRAL AND S CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 485,000, reduced from 493,000. Army ground strength is reduced to 452,000 from 460,000 to reflect the movement of part of the 22nd Div (see par 11.a. below).

(2) New identifications: The 2nd Rocket (J52109) Gun Bn has been identified in CENTRAL and S CHINA. For a discussion of this type of unit, see par C.1.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) The location of the 47th Div, (CFBX which has been carried tentatively in the HENGYANG area, 36654) has been confirmed.

(b) The 40th Div, formerly subordi- (A542/ nated to the Twentieth Army (Hq HENGYANG), is now under 007 the jurisdiction of the Twenty-third Army (Hq CANTON). A543/ 030)

(c) For the movement of 22nd Div Hq to N FRENCH INDO-CHINA see par 11.a. below.

11. SOUTHERN ARMY.

a. FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 83,000 increased from 75,000. Army ground strength is increased to 67,000 from 59,000 to reflect the presence of Hq and other elements of the 22nd Div (see par (3) below).

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(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) The Thirty-eighth Army (Hq SAIGON) has established advance Hq at HANOI in N FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

(J52677  
JTA26,98  
GX 2502  
GX 2526  
GX 2637)

(b) The Hq of the 22nd Div has been identified tentatively at DONG DANG (80 m. NE of HANOI). Elements of the division are believed to be garrisoning the area N of the FRENCH INDO-CHINA border, so strength is increased by only 8,000. (~~TOP SECRET~~)

b. MALAYA-ANDAMANS.

(1) Strength estimate: 92,000 increased from 84,000. Army ground strength is increased to 62,000 from 54,000 to reflect the arrival of the 46th Div in S MALAYA (see par (3) below).

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) The 48th Div, heretofore carried in transit from the LESSER SUNDAS, is now located in S MALAYA with Hq in the SINGAPORE area. Strength for MALAYA is increased 8,000 to reflect the arrival of this division.

(J39863  
J43980  
J44298  
GZ2568  
GZ5716  
TX 401)

(b) The Japanese are planning to withdraw, apparently to SINGAPORE, two battalions of Army troops from the ANDAMANS and at least 450 Army personnel from the NICOBARS. The major Army units carried in the area are the 35th (Hq PORT BLAIR, ANDAMANS), 36th (Hq CAR NICOBAR, NICOBARS) and the 37th (Hq NANCOWRY, NICOBARS) Ind Mixed Brigs and the 15th Tank Regt in the NICOBARS.

c. SUMATRA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: The 28th Ind Mixed Regt, a new identification, and the 27th Ind Mixed Regt, heretofore carried unlocated, have been identified in the JAVA-SUMATRA area. No change is made in the strength estimate since it is considered likely that these units were formed from troops already in the area.

(3) No other changes.

d. JAVA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: The 27th and 28th Ind Mixed Regts have been identified in the JAVA-SUMATRA area (see par c. above).

(3) No other changes.

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g. LUZON.

(1) Strength estimate: 44,000, reduced from 52,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 36,000 from 43,000 and Army and Navy Air ground to 5,000 from 6,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: Elements of Thirty-fifth Army Hq (IMPALUTAO) are no longer located on CEBU ISLAND.

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f. CENTRAL AND S PHILIPPINES.

(1) Strength estimate: 51,000, reduced from 54,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 26,000 from 28,000 and Army and Navy Air ground to 18,000 from 19,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) No other changes.

g. CELEBES, HALMAHERA.

(1) General: The planned withdrawal of troops from the area N of AUSTRALIA to the ASIATIC mainland has been previously reported (see Bulletins 46, 49 and 57). Evidence is now available that, in addition, (J53400 the Japanese plan to move 7,600 troops (4,000 ground, J53827) 3,400 air ground and 200 shipping) from the CELEBES.

(2) No other changes.

h. DUTCH NEW GUINEA, BANDA SEA.

(1) Strength estimate: 62,000, unchanged. Army ground strength is increased to 46,000 from 44,000 and Army and Navy Air ground is decreased to 7,000 from 9,000.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: Second Army Hq has moved from the KOKAS area (DUTCH NEW GUINEA) (J53246 to PIROE (CERAM). This move is a part of the plan for (J52804 regroupment of forces in SE ASIA and the LESSER SUNDAS, reported in Bulletin 54.

12. EIGHTH AREA ARMY.

No changes.

C. SPECIAL ARTICLES.

1. Japanese Rocket Gun Units.

a. The Japanese Army began activating Rocket

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Gun (Funshinho) units late in 1944, and up to 1 May 45, the following units had been identified:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
1st Rocket Gun Bn	Unlocated
2nd Rocket Gun Bn	CENTRAL and S CHINA
3rd Rocket Gun Bn	LUZON

(u/1 Rocket Gun Co) Destroyed on IWO JIMA

b. The organization of these units is not definitely known, but a document captured on LUZON indicates that the 3rd Rocket Gun Bn has the following T/O:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Hq	50
Three Firing Cos (245 ea)	735
Am Tn	65
	<u>850</u>

Other evidence indicates that the operational strength of the Battalion may be nearer 650. It is not known whether Rocket Gun Battalions are attached to divisions or operate directly under Army control, nor whether a Battalion operates as a unit or its component companies operate separately.

c. Information concerning the Rocket Gun Battalion's armament is limited, but the 3rd Rocket Gun Bn was equipped with 36 projectors, capable of launching 20 cm rockets. The Japanese have at least four types of rockets, which may be described as follows:

<u>Weight of Projectile</u>	<u>Size of Rocket Motor</u>
132 lbs. (a)	19 cm (92 lbs.)
200-205 lbs.	20 cm
900 to 950 lbs. (incorporating a 550-lb. naval bomb)	30 cm
1514 lbs.	45 cm

(a) Does not include the weight of the rocket motor, which is not attached to the projectile. In all other cases the rocket motor is attached to the bomb or other explosive projectile, and the weights given include the motor.

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The effective ranges of the rockets vary from 1,800 to 7,500 yards. The rockets are normally launched from rails or from a tube.

d. Nothing is known concerning the organization of the Rocket Gun Company which was destroyed on IWO JIMA, and little about its armament, except for the fact that several 20-cm rocket projectors were found on the Island.

e. In at least one instance a component of a mortar battalion has been armed with rocket projectors, either experimentally or on a permanent basis. There is evidence that the Japanese have made plans for the use of rocket weapons in SUMATRA, BORNEO and FORMOSA.

## 2. Organization of 22nd Div.

a. History. The 22nd Div was stationed at KINHWAI, CHEKIANG PROVINCE, E. CHINA from 1939 until the early part of 1944, at which time it moved to the CANTON area. The movement to the CANTON area was originally planned to be made in three echelons during April and May 1944, but it was delayed. In actuality at least seven echelons were involved, and the movement was not completed until July 1944.

During the fall of 1944 the Division was engaged in operations against the Chinese along the WEST RIVER, and by December 1944 it had established its Hq at NANNING.

In January 1945 plans were made for the movement of the 22nd Div to FRENCH INDO-CHINA during January and February. At least part of the Division has apparently made this move, although elements are still carried in S CHINA. Hq of the 22nd Div is tentatively carried in FRENCH INDO-CHINA at DONG DANG, 80 m. NE of HANOI near the Chinese border.

b. Composition and T/O Strength. The 22nd Div's composition and estimated T/O strength are as follows:

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Unit	Code No.	T/O Strength
22nd Div	7949	19,820
Hq	7930?	350
*(22nd Inf Gp Hq)	(7931)	
*(22nd Inf Gp Tankette Co)	--	
**84th Inf Regt	7934	3,965
**85th Inf Regt	7935	3,965
**86th Inf Regt	7936	3,965
52nd Mt Arty Regt	7932	3,500
22nd Engr Regt	7933	950
22nd Div Sig Unit	7937	240
22nd Transport Regt	7938	1,810
22nd Div Ord Duty Unit	7941	110
***22nd Div Fld Hosp	7939	850
22nd Div Vet Hosp	7940	115

\*It is probable that the Infantry Group Hq and the Infantry Group Tankette Company were demobilized or absorbed by other units. In March 1943, the commanding general of the Infantry Group Hq was transferred to the Sixteenth Army, while the commanding officer of the Tankette Company was transferred to the 13th Tank Regt some time prior to October 1944. No successors have since been identified. Furthermore, there were no references to either unit in connection with the movement of the Division to the CANTON area. No code number has ever been identified with the Tankette Company.

\*\*Complete information on the organization of all three infantry regiments is not available. However, information on the organization of the 84th Inf Regt is fairly complete, and the fragmentary information available on the 85th and 86th Inf Regts indicates that they are similarly organized. The infantry regiments are probably organized as follows:

Hq	175
Sig Unit	130
Regtl Gun Co	125
Antitank Gun Co	145
Labor Unit	(200)
Casualty Clearing Unit	(50)
Three Inf Bns (each 1,130)	<u>3,390</u>
Hq	140
Four Rifle Cos (each 190)	760
MG Co	175
Bn Gun Plat	55
Total Regt (excluding Labor and Casualty Clearing Units)	<u>3,965</u>

Note: The Labor Unit is believed to be composed of personnel from other units within the Infantry Regiment. The Casualty Clearing Section is probably detached from the division field hospital, although, since the Division has no medical unit and only one field hospital, it is possible that this unit is an organic part of the Infantry Regiment.

\*\*\* All references clearly establish the fact that the 22nd Div has an unnumbered Division Field Hospital. There are indications that the Hospital is similar in organization to the 26th Div Fld Hosp, which consists of a Field Hospital, a Medical Company and a Water Supply and Purification Unit.

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3. Operational strength. Available evidence shows that approximately 13,000 men of the 22nd Div were shipped to CANTON from KINWHA. Between July 1944 and January 1945 approximately 8,360 replacements are known to have been sent to the CANTON area for the Division, which would have increased the Division's operational strength to approximately 21,450 men if it had not suffered casualties in the campaigns in S CHINA. In January 1945 the Division's military personnel was reported to number 24,578, but there are indications that this total included 3,009 men attached to the Division, and it is therefore believed that its operational strength in January was approximately 21,569. This figure, which exceeds the Division's T/O strength, indicates that even more replacements than those concerning which information is available were sent to the Division during the latter half of 1944.

D. CODE NAMES.

The following is the weekly list of code names identified on an ULTRA level:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>
113th Div	Miki/Kan? (CTC 1631)
133rd Div	Shiei? (CTC 5267-6904)

E. CORRECTION.

In Inclosure 3 of Bulletin 30 it was stated that forces on HONSHU and SHIKOKU had been strengthened from an estimated 490,000 in January 1944 to an estimated 964,000 in April 1945. Evidence on Air ground and Navy ground strengths in January 1944 is so incomplete that the estimate for that date was limited to Army ground strength. The comparable figure for April 1945 is therefore the Army ground strength estimate of 660,000 and not the figure of 964,000 which included estimated Air ground and Navy ground strengths.

F. SUPPLEMENTS.

1. Chart showing dispositions and strengths of Japanese ground forces--Inclosure No. 1.
2. Map showing estimated disposition and strength of Japanese Army ground forces in FORMOSA--Inclosure No. 2.
3. Map showing estimated disposition and strength of Japanese Army ground forces in KOREA--Inclosure No. 3.
4. List of minor units identified, located or dropped

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G. IMPORTANT LATE DEVELOPMENTS. (Appropriate changes will be made in next week's Chart, Inclosure No. 1.)

1. Three new divisions, the 122nd, 126th and 127th, have been identified in MANCHURIA but their exact location is not known. The estimated ground strength in MANCHURIA is being increased by 48,000 to reflect the presence of (J55177) the new divisions.

2. The 69th Div, formerly carried at YUNCHENG, N CHINA, has been identified at CHIATING, 20 m. NW of SHANGHAI. Accordingly, estimated ground strength in N CHINA is being decreased by 10,000 and the estimate for E CHINA is being increased by 10,000 to reflect the movement of the Division.  
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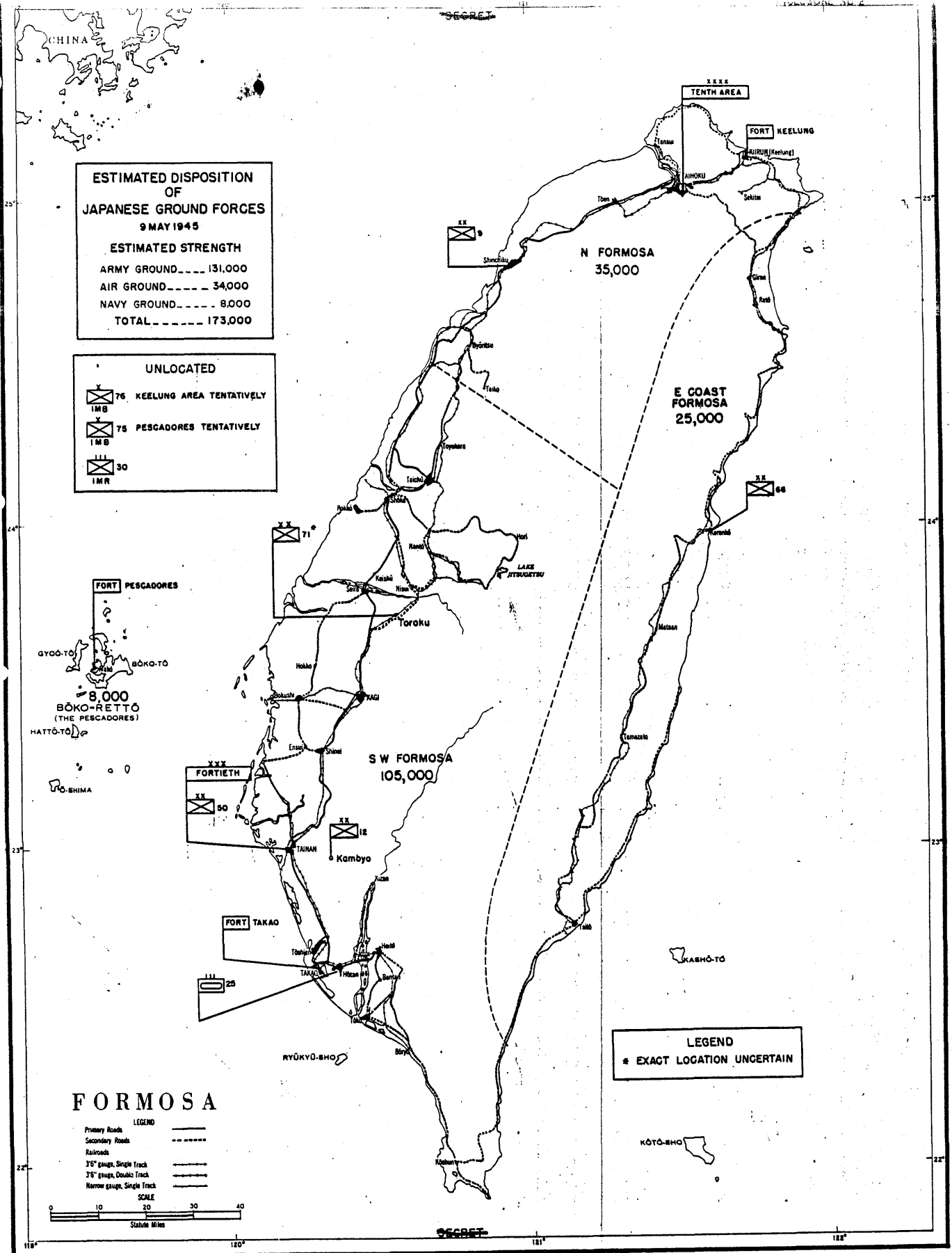
Major Command	Area	Army	Divisions				Brigades				Regiments				Estimated Army and Navy Air Ground	Estimated Army and Navy Air Ground	TOTAL	REMARKS Estimated Army and Navy ground strengths in each area include identified units, plus, in some cases, an allowance for un-identified units.
			Triangular	Combat	Inf	Total	Arm- ored	Doped	Inf	Arm- ored	Inf	Arm- ored	Doped	Inf				
First Army	1st B. Borneo	27 A	72			One		2,57							90,000	10,000	110,000	
	2nd B. Borneo	36 A	18,3, 64, 81			Three		3,64							240,000	105,000	390,000	
	3rd B. Borneo	73, 97				Two		3,82							150,000	28,000	175,000	
	4th B. Borneo	55 A	44, 84			Two		3,33							200,000	55,000	250,000	
	5th B. Borneo	57, 86				Two		6,36							120,000	95,000	215,000	
	6th B. Borneo	5 A A	7, 77, 89			Three		7							95,000	9,000	114,000	
	7th B. Borneo					Two									75,000	3,000	80,000	
	8th B. Borneo					Two									19,000	2,000	21,000	
	9th B. Borneo					Three									84,000	5,000	90,000	
	10th B. Borneo					Three									120,000	34,000	150,000	
Second Army	11th B. Borneo	10 A A: 40 A	9, 12, 50, 66, 71			Five		73, 76							200,000	11,000	217,000	
	12th B. Borneo	17 A A: 38 A	Two w/1			Two		150, 30							101	6,000	7,000	
	13th B. Borneo					One									17	15,000	31,000	
	14th B. Borneo					Two									9	65,000	6,000	
	15th B. Borneo					Two									11, 31	15,000	20,000	
	16th B. Borneo					Seven									7	576,000	27,000	
	17th B. Borneo					Three									315,000	8,000	325,000	
	18th B. Borneo					Five									122,000	16,000	138,000	
	19th B. Borneo					Five									17,000	16,000	33,000	
	20th B. Borneo					Three									429,000	45,000	474,000	
China Exped. Army	21st B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
	22nd B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
	23rd B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
	24th B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
	25th B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
	26th B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
	27th B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
	28th B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
	29th B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
	30th B. China	6 A A: 1, 12 A	10, 11, 12, 13, 14			Three		22, 23							67,000	11,000	78,000	
Southern Army ***	31st B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	
	32nd B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	
	33rd B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	
	34th B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	
	35th B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	
	36th B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	
	37th B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	
	38th B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	
	39th B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	
	40th B. Burma	39 A	1			One		29							21,000	4,000	25,000	

\* Not independent  
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- Identifying indicates cut off and effectiveness reduced

Estimated number of Inf Divs as of 1 Jan 45: 98  
For planning purposes, it is estimated that one  
Inf Div will be activated during 1945 at the  
rate of 2 1/2 per month.

Types of Active Divisions	Triangular	Combat	Inf	Total
Estimated	353,000	4,245,000	510,000	5,108,000
Identified	300,000	160,000		460,000

Triangular : The normal supporting element.  
Combat : The element which includes  
supporting elements and divisions.  
Inf : The element which includes  
supporting elements and divisions.  
Identified : The element which includes  
supporting elements and divisions.



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The following is the weekly list of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL (all dates are 1944 unless otherwise specified).

MINOR UNITS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1st Exploitation Duty Unit	NW NEW GUINEA	August	
5th Commando Unit	BURMA	November	
15th, 16th, 17th Commando Cos	BURMA	November	
20th Ind MG Bn	BORNEO	November	
5th Ind FA Bn (Dokuritsu Yahohei Daitai)	FORMOSA (26 Aug 44)	August	
Central AAA Group	CENTRAL JAPAN	December	
Eastern AA Def Brig	Dropped		Formerly carried: JAPAN (7/43).
Central AA Def Brig	Dropped		Formerly carried: NAGOYA (4/42).
Western AA Def Brig	Dropped		Formerly carried: JAPAN (7/43).
13th Fld AA Def Unit	Dropped		Formerly carried: MANCHURIA (9/42).
65th Fld Machine Cannon Co	E CHINA ✓	November	
44th Sp Machine Cannon Unit	Dropped		Formerly carried: Unlocated (8/44).
51st, 52nd, 53rd Sp Machine Cannon Units	LUZON	December	
1st AA Def Obsn Unit	JAPAN	July (1942)	
11th AA Def Obsn Unit	CENTRAL JAPAN	July (1942)	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
21st AA Def Oban Unit	W JAPAN	July (1942)	
31st, 32nd, 33rd AA Def Oban Unit	N JAPAN	July (1942)	
8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Ind Antitank Bns	Dropped		Formerly carried: BONINS (6/44).
20th Ind Anti- tank Bn	Dropped		Formerly carried: LEYTE (11/44).
6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th Ind Engr Cos	BURMA	November	
74th, 75th Ind Radio Plats	Dropped		Formerly carried: NEW BRITAIN and BOUGAIN- VILLE.
98th Ind Radio Plat	LUZON	August	
5th Fld Trans- port Comd	BURMA	February (1945)	
55th Ind Trans- port Bn	S CHINA ✓	August	
54th Ind Trans- port Co	BURMA	February (1945)	
69th Ind motor Transport Bn	MANCHURIA ✓	April	
2th L/C Motor Transport Unit	Dropped		Formerly carried: Un- located.
23rd L/C Motor Transport Unit	TAVOY, BURMA (Thirty-ninth Army area)	May	
12th, 13th, 14th, 15th Temp Motor Transport Units	JAVA?	September	
8th, 9th, 10th 11th Temp Motor Trans- port Units	SUMATRA?	July	
67th Casualty Clearing Plat	BURMA?	April	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
18th L/C Hosp	Dropped		Formerly carried: BURMA.
116th L/C Hosp	BURMA?	August	
128th L/C Hosp	HUNAN PROVINCE	✓ October	
140th L/C Hosp	CHINA	✓ September	
98th Land Duty Co	E CHINA	✓ September	
107th Land Duty Co	BURMA?	June	
8th Sp Land Duty Co	BURMA?	January (1945)	
3rd Water Trans- port Unit	Dropped		Formerly carried: PHILIPPINES.
4th Water Trans- port Unit	Dropped		Formerly carried: N CHINA.
5th Water Trans- port Unit	Dropped		Formerly carried: E NEW GUINEA.
S China Fld Ord Depot	HONGKONG	✓ February (1945)	
1st, 2nd, 6th, 11th, 12th Fld Ord Depots	Dropped		Formerly carried: Un- located.
5th Fld Motor Transport Depot	Dropped		Formerly carried: BURMA.
20th Fld Motor Transport Depot	BURMA	February (1945)	
Fifteenth Army Fld Motor Transport Depot	BURMA	February (1945)	
6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th Motor Transport Depots	Dropped		Formerly carried: Unlocated.
14th Fld Freight Depot	Dropped		Formerly carried: Unlocated.
15th L/C Sector Unit	Dropped		Formerly carried: PHILIPPINES
62nd L/C Duty Co	MANCHURIA	✓ November	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
86th L/C Gar Unit	SHANGHAI ✓	December	
8th Sp Sea Transport Co	Unlocated	July	
5th Rapid Transport Co	PHILIPPINES	September	

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Japanese Ground Forces  
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A. SUMMARY.

1. JAPAN--Location of Eleventh Area Army, Thirteenth Area Army, Thirty-sixth Army, 57th, 72nd and 81st Divs. (C.1, 2)
2. KYUSHU--Possible identification of a new Army. (C.2.b.)
3. MANCHURIA--Location 112th and 120th Divs, 7th Ind Gar and 13th Border Gar and components of 107th Div (C.8.)
4. N CHINA--Location Twelfth Army Advance Hq. (C.9.a.)
5. CENTRAL and S CHINA--Identification of two new divisions and a new independent mixed brigade whose designations are not known. Location of 40th Div. (C.9.c.)
6. LUZON--Movement of Fourteenth Area Army Hq. (C.10.c.)
7. E NEW GUINEA--Location of Eighteenth Army Hq. (C.10.d.)
8. New units--96th Ind Mixed Brig identified. (C.12.)
9. Study of Operational Code Numbers. (D.)
10. Review of Order of Battle in the CENTRAL PACIFIC. (Inclosure No. 2)

B. GENERAL.

The Chart (Inclosure No. 1) to each weekly Order of Battle Bulletin has heretofore designated certain divisions as "Cut Off and Effectiveness Reduced." The practice was designed to call attention to the fact that all of the divisions carried on the Chart were not fully effective. Divisions were placed in this category only where both of two factors were present, namely, (a) the division was reduced in strength, and (b) evacuation of the division from its location or replacement of losses was, for all practical purposes, impossible.

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The advance of the Allied forces has produced a new factor qualifying the effectiveness of many Japanese divisions, namely, that the possibility of sending replacements from the homeland has been virtually eliminated, although the divisions themselves may still be capable of a certain amount of redeployment within the areas which are thus cut off. Beginning with this week's Bulletin, therefore, the description "Cut Off and Effectiveness Reduced" is being eliminated. Instead, a number of divisions and brigades will be noted as being "reduced in strength in areas where replacement is impracticable." Divisions will be so described only when (a) possibility of receiving replacements from the homeland has been effectively eliminated, and (b) the strength of the unit has been substantially depleted. Where receipt of replacements is impracticable but the unit is still at substantially its operational strength--even if it has reached such strength by the absorption of service units--it will not be included in this category. Similarly, divisions which are reduced in strength but are still capable of receiving replacements from the homeland will not be placed in this category. The new basis is designed to furnish a better, though still approximate, indication of the number of divisions and brigades in the Japanese Army which are reduced in effectiveness and which are not capable of being brought back to effective strength except by drawing upon locally available troops.

C. IDENTIFICATIONS, STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS.

1. FIRST GENERAL ARMY. (Hq TOKYO)

a. ELEVENTH AREA ARMY. (Hq SENDAI)

- (1) Strength estimate: unchanged.
- (2) New identifications: none.
- (3) New locations and movements:

(a) The location of the Eleventh Area Army Hq at SENDAI has been confirmed.

(b) The 72nd Div, heretofore carried tentatively in the SENDAI Div Dist, has been identified there with Hq tentatively accepted at FUKUSHIMA.

b. TWELFTH AREA ARMY. (Hq TOKYO)

- (1) Strength estimate: unchanged.
- (2) New identifications: none.
- (3) New locations and movements:

(a) The location of Thirty-Sixth Army Hq in CHIBA PREFECTURE has been confirmed.

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(b) The tentative location of the 81st Div in the UTSUNOMIYA Div Dist is confirmed by new evidence. (JX23308 JX50155)

2. SECOND GENERAL ARMY. (Hq HIROSHIMA)

a. THIRTEENTH AREA ARMY. (Hq NAGOYA)

- (1) Strength estimate: unchanged.
- (2) New identifications: none.
- (3) New locations and movements: New evidence confirms the previously carried tentative location of Thirteenth Area Army Hq at NAGOYA. (RK5483 A535 A563)

b. SIXTEENTH AREA ARMY. (Hq FUKUOKA)

- (1) Strength estimate: unchanged.
- (2) New identifications: There are some indications that the Japanese may have established an Army Hq at TAKARABE (just W of MIYAKONOJO) in S KYUSHU. No numbered Armies have been identified on KYUSHU and the establishment of an Army Hq there would be a logical move. It is possible, however, that the Hq is a branch of the Hq of the Sixteenth Area Army at FUKUOKA. (TIN 42)

- (3) New locations and movements: New evidence locates the Hq of the 57th Div at SASAGURI (N KYUSHU). (A569 TM #41)

3. FIFTH AREA ARMY. (Hq SAPPORO)

No changes.

4. TENTH AREA ARMY. (Hq TAIHOKU)

RYUKYUS.

- a. General: The tentative identification of the 271st, 298th, 299th and 300th Ind Inf Bns as components of the 45th Ind Mixed Brig (Hq ISHIGAKI) is confirmed by new evidence. (HI067 CINCPOA 11051)

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- b. Strength estimate: 109,000, increased from 104,000. Army ground strength is increased to 86,000 from 84,000 and Navy ground to 18,000 from 15,000 to reflect an estimated increase resulting from a study of identified units in the RYUKYUS, which is only partly offset by reported casualties.

- c. No other changes.

5. SEVENTEENTH AREA ARMY. (Hq KEIJO)

No changes.

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6. OGASAWARA FORCE. (Hq CHICHIJIMA)

No changes.

7. THIRTY-FIRST ARMY. (Hq TRUK)

a. Strength estimate: 100,000 unchanged. Army ground strength is increased to 65,000 from 63,000, Army and Navy Air ground is decreased to 5,000 from 6,000 and Navy ground is reduced to 30,000 from 31,000 to reflect a study of identified units in the area.

b. No other changes.

8. KWANTUNG ARMY. (Hq HSINKING)

a. General: The 177th and 178th Inf Regts, heretofore carried as unassigned, have been tentatively identified as components of the 107th Div. (ICAET 0118 Adv ATIS B #426 TL #250 1 Dec 44)

b. Strength estimate: 654,000, increased from 606,000. Army ground strength is increased to 624,000 from 576,000 to reflect the identification of the 122nd, 126th and 127th Divs, reported as a late development in Bulletin 62.

c. New identifications: none.

d. New locations and movements:

(1) The Hq location in MANCHURIA of the 112th Div, heretofore unknown, is tentatively accepted at HUNCHUN (E MANCHURIA). (J55178)

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(2) The presence in MANCHURIA of the 120th Div has been confirmed. Its subordination to the Third Army (Hq YEHO) is accepted tentatively. (J57598)

(3) The 7th Ind Gar, heretofore carried tentatively at CHIAMUSSU, has been identified in the CHIAMUSSU area. (Adv ATIS B 127)

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(4) The 13th Border Gar is located at FAPIENLA (30 m. N of HEIHO). It was formerly carried in the HEIHO area.

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9. CHINA EXPEDITIONARY ARMY. (Hq NANKING)

a. N CHINA.

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(1) General: A reassessment of the evidence reveals that the division at YENCHOW, tentatively identified as the 113th (Bulletin 62), is of the brigaded type.

(2) Strength estimate: 318,000, reduced from 325,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 305,000 from 315,000 to reflect the movement of the 69th Div (see Bulletin 62) and Army and Navy Air ground is increased to 11,000 from 8,000 by reassessment.

(3) New identifications: none.

(4) New locations and movements:

(a) The Twelfth Army (Hq CHENGSIEN) (TIN 42) has established an advance Hq at NANYANG, approximately 150 m. SW of CHENGSIEN.

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(b) There are some indications that (CFBX the 114th Div has moved S from LINFEN to YUNCHENG, but 37031 pending receipt of further information this division will CFBX be carried tentatively at LINFEN. 37311)

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b. E CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 154,000, increased from 143,000. Army ground strength is increased to 132,000 from 122,000 to reflect the presence of the 69th Div (see Bulletin 62) and Army and Navy Air ground is increased to 17,000 from 16,000 by reassessment.

(2) No other changes.

c. CENTRAL and S CHINA.

(1) General: There are some indications (J53191 that the Twenty-third Army (Hq CANTON) is no longer A563 under the Sixth Area Army (Hq HANKOW). However, pending receipt of further information, the Twenty-third Army will continue to be carried as heretofore. TIN #41)

(2) Strength estimate: 508,000, increased from 485,000. Army ground strength is increased to 477,000 from 452,000 to reflect the identification of new units (see Par (3) below) and Army and Navy Air ground is reduced to 15,000 from 17,000 by reassessment.

(3) New identifications: The Japanese plan to reinforce the S CHINA coast, and the possibility that new units might be formed were reported in Bulletin 57. New evidence indicates that the following units were formed:

(a) A new division, tentatively identified as the 131st, has been formed in the KUKONG-KANHSIEN (J52547 area, with Hq tentatively located at KANHSIEN. It is CFBX believed to be a triangular type division. 38010 TIN #41)

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(b) An unidentified division, which (J52547  
is thought to be of the brigaded type, has been picked J26272)  
up in the CANTON area. The 2nd Ind Mixed Brig is be-  
lieved to have been absorbed in the formation of this  
division, and is dropped from Order of Battle.

(c) An unidentified Ind Mixed Brig (J52547  
has been located at HONGKONG. J26272)

(d) The identification of a new di-  
vision in the SWATOW area and the absorption of the 19th  
Ind Mixed Brig in its formation was reported in Bulletin  
61.

(4) New locations and movements:

(a) The 40th Div, last identified (TIN #37)  
in the drive from the KUKONG area on the Allied air  
bases E of the CANTON-HANKOW RR, has moved to the CANTON  
area.

(b) There are some indications that (15 PM  
the Japanese may be withdrawing or planning to withdraw 123)  
the 23rd Ind Mixed Brig from HAINAN, but pending receipt  
of further information, the Brigade will still be carried  
on HAINAN.

10. SOUTHERN ARMY. (Hq SAIGON)

a. BURMA.

(1) Strength estimate: 120,000, reduced  
from 138,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 109,000  
from 123,000, Army and Navy Air ground to 7,000 from 9,000,  
and Navy ground to 4,000 from 6,000 to reflect reported  
casualties.

(2) No other changes.

b. BORNEO.

(1) Strength estimate: 37,000, unchanged.  
Army ground strength is increased to 25,000 from 23,000  
and Army and Navy Air ground reduced to 7,000 from 9,000  
by reassessment.

(2) No other changes.

c. LUZON.

(1) Strength estimate: 42,000, reduced from  
44,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 34,000 from  
36,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: Fourteenth  
Area Army Hq was scheduled to move from BAMBANG 25 m. N (J56635)  
to KIANGAN on 15 May. Elements were to remain at BAMBANG

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to direct operations of troops in that area.

d. E NEW GUINEA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) - New locations and movements: Eighteenth Army Hq, previously at MOKINZAN (15 m. NW of WEWAK) is now at NUMBOGUA (35 m. SW of MOKINZAN) formerly the Adv Hq of that Army.

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11. EIGHTH AREA ARMY. (Hq RABAU)

No changes.

12. New Units - Unlocated.

The 96th Ind Mixed Brig has been identified and (J56921) is added to Order of Battle. Its location is unknown.

D. SPECIAL ARTICLE.

OPERATIONAL CODE NUMBERS.

Inclosure No. 3 is a study of the operational code numbers of Japanese Army units. The study contains indices of the allotted operational code numbers and an explanation of various ways in which the indices may be of assistance in Order of Battle work.

E. CODE NAMES. ~~(ALL CONFIDENTIAL)~~

The following is the weekly list of code names and numbers:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Code Number</u>
93rd Div	Ketsu/Kimeru? (CTC 3082)	
93rd Div Antitank Unit		6667?
60th Ind Mixed Brig	Koma	
400th Ind Inf Bn		13064
70th Ind Mixed Brig	Kakan (CTC 2654, 2413)	17000

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F. SUPPLEMENTS.

1. Chart showing dispositions and strengths of Japanese ground forces--Inclosure No. 1.
2. Review of Order of Battle in the CENTRAL PACIFIC--Inclosure No. 2.
3. Inclosure No. 3.
4. List of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL--Inclosure No. 4.

G. IMPORTANT LATE DEVELOPMENT.

The Thirty-seventh Army (Hq API), which commands the Japanese Army forces on BORNEO, is scheduled to be subordinated directly to the Seventh Area Army (Hq SINGAPORE) on 20 May. The Borneo Garrison Army, which was redesignated the Thirty-seventh Army early in October 1944, was placed under the Seventh Area Army when that Army was formed on 28 Mar 44 but was subordinated directly to the Southern Army on 10 Sept 44. The subordination to the Southern Army continued after the redesignation as the Thirty-seventh Army.

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No. of Companies	Area	Armies	Divisions					Bridges					Corrections					Estimated Army Ground	Estimated Army Air Ground	TOTAL	REMARKS Estimated Army and Army ground strength in each area include identified units, plus, in some cases, an allowance for un- identified units.	
			Triangular	Regt Combat	Brigaded	Total Divs	Arm- comd	Depot	DB	DB	Arm Pali- com	Cor	Ind Der	Truck Div	DB	DB	DB					
11	11 A	11 A	72			One		2,27								22			90,000	10,000	100,000	
12	12 A	12 A	1,830, 04, 81			Three		67								2	16,18		240,000	107,000	347,000	
13	13 A	13 A	731, 991			Two		3,28											130,000	38,000	178,000	
14	14 A	14 A	44, 847			Two		5,23											200,000	55,000	255,000	
15	15 A	15 A	57, 85			Two		6,56											128,000	55,000	183,000	
16	16 A	16 A	7, 77, 891			Three		7											59,000	9,000	68,000	
17	17 A	17 A				Two		43, 69											75,000	3,000	78,000	
18	18 A	18 A				Two		43, 69											19,000	2,000	21,000	
19	19 A	19 A				Two		43, 69											86,000	5,000	91,000	
20	20 A	20 A				Two		43, 69											128,000	34,000	162,000	
21	21 A	21 A	9, 12, 50, 66, 71			Five		75, 76											200,000	11,000	211,000	
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CENTRAL PACIFIC - ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW

1. General. Japanese activity in the CENTRAL PACIFIC area falls roughly into three major phases, i.e., the offensive - between December 1941 and September 1942; the defensive and the reinforcement and reorganization of Japanese forces - between September 1942 and mid-1944; and the isolation and attrition of Japanese forces - from mid-1944 until the present time.

2. Japanese offensive. The first phase began with the Japanese attacks on PEARL HARBOR on 7 Dec 41 and on WAKE and GUAM on 7 and 8 Dec 41. In December WAKE and GUAM, and MAKIN and TARAWA in the GILBERTS were occupied. In June 1942 the battle of MIDWAY stopped the Japanese threat to the PEARL HARBOR area, but the Japanese occupied OCEAN and NAURU ISLANDS w of the GILBERTS in August and September 1942. During August and September defenses on TARAWA and MAKIN were strengthened.

The principal Japanese forces used in these operations were Naval ground troops, and little is known of their strength or composition during the period. The offensives are believed to have radiated from TRUK and KWAJALEIN, which were the Naval bases for the E CAROLINES and the MARSHALLS-GILBERTS sectors, respectively.

Allied opposition to the Japanese attacks was generally weak and most of the Japanese conquests were made with relatively little difficulty. The principal Allied reactions to the Japanese offensives were carrier raids against the GILBERTS, MARSHALLS, WAKE and MARCUS.

3. Reinforcement and reorganization. (See Maps, Annexes A and B.) After the Allied offensive began with the landing on GUADALCANAL on 9 Aug 42, the Japanese began reinforcing and reorganizing their forces in the CENTRAL PACIFIC at an accelerating rate. The Japanese activities during the second phase should be viewed against the following dates marking significant Allied actions:

November 1943	Occupation of TARAWA and MAKIN
February 1944	Occupation of KWAJALEIN and ENIWETOK
March 1944	First land-based air attack on TRUK
June and July 1944	Occupation of SAIPAN, GUAM and TINIAN

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The first step by the Japanese (carried out between September 1942 and November 1943) was to convert most of the Special Naval Landing Forces in the CENTRAL PACIFIC, which were essentially offensive units, into Base Forces and Guard Forces, which are primarily defensive units. The Guard Forces were stationed throughout the area and fortification of the islands was pushed. The general defense system was formed around the main bastions of KWAJALEIN, TRUK, PALAU and SAIPAN.

Immediately after the Allied occupation of the GILBERTS in November 1943, a large movement of Army troops into the CENTRAL PACIFIC began. The 1st Amph Brig, formed in MANCHURIA, was sent to the CENTRAL PACIFIC in December 1943 and January 1944 and was used to reinforce KWAJALEIN, ENIWETOK, WOTJE and MALOELAP in the MARSHALLS.

Also during December and January, the Japanese began to organize and move South Seas Detachments as follows:

<u>Detachment</u>	<u>Moved from</u>	<u>Moved to</u>
1st*	MANCHURIA	JALUIT, MALOELAP, MILLE and WOTJE
2nd	MANCHURIA	KUSAIE
3rd	MANCHURIA	PONAPE
4th	JAPAN	NOMOI
5th	JAPAN	WOLEAI
6th	JAPAN	PALAU

It is estimated that 12,000 men were involved in the movement of the six detachments.

In connection with the movement of substantial numbers of Army troops to the CENTRAL PACIFIC, a new Army, the Thirty-first, was organized to control Japanese Army forces in the area and was in charge of the MARSHALLS in February 1944, at the time of the Allied invasion. It established its Hq on SAIPAN and by the middle of March had assumed control of the BONINS, PALAU, the CAROLINES and the MARIANAS.

Four divisions were moved to the CENTRAL PACIFIC late in 1943 and during the first five months of 1944. The divisions had been reorganized into Regimental Combat Team type divisions, with operational strengths of 13,500. The

\* The 1st South Seas Detachment is believed to have been organized in the CENTRAL PACIFIC from the 122nd Inf Regt (65th Brig) which had been sent from the PHILIPPINES in mid-1943.

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movements are summarized below:

<u>Date of Movement</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Moved from</u>	<u>Moved to</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
September 1943	107th Inf Regt, 52nd Div.	JAPAN	Divided among PONAPE, KUSAIE and KILLE.	
February 1944	52nd (-)	JAPAN	Hq and main force TRUK.	
February-March 1944	29th	MANCHURIA	Main force GUAM. One regt on TINIAN.	Destroyed in June and July.
March-April 1944	14th	MANCHURIA	PALAU	Equivalent of two inf regts destroyed on PELELIU and ANGAUR in September 1944.
May 1944	43rd	JAPAN	SAIPAN, elms TINIAN	Destroyed in June and July.

In addition to the above troops, approximately 25,000 men, organized into nine Expeditionary Units (Hakentai)\*, were sent to the CENTRAL PACIFIC in March and April 1944 and were distributed as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Island</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Island</u>
1st	SAIPAN	6th	GUAM
2nd	TRUK	7th	WOLEAI
3rd	PULUWAT	8th	TRUK
4th	YAP	9th	SAIPAN
5th	PAGAN		

Beginning late in May 1944 the Expeditionary Units and other miscellaneous troops in the CENTRAL PACIFIC were organized into independent mixed brigades and independent mixed regiments as follows:

<u>New Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Principal Units Absorbed</u>
(47th Ind Mixed Brig)	SAIPAN (Destroyed)	1st Expeditionary Unit.
(48th Ind Mixed Brig)	GUAM (Destroyed)	Main part of 6th Expeditionary Unit.

\* The components of the Expeditionary Units were listed in Bulletin 30. Except for the 8th Expeditionary Unit, which was organized in February 1944 in KOREA, the Units were organized in February in MANCHURIA.

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<u>New Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Principal Units Absorbed</u>
49th Ind Mixed Brig	YAP-PALAU	4th Expeditionary Unit.
50th Ind Mixed Brig	WOLEAI	7th Expeditionary Unit 5th South Seas Det.
51st Ind Mixed Brig	TRUK-NOMOI	2nd Expeditionary Unit 8th Expeditionary Unit.
52nd Ind Mixed Brigade	PONAPE	3rd South Seas Det. Elms 5th Ind Mixed Regt.
53rd Ind Mixed Brig(-)	PALAU Elms destroyed on PELELIU	57th L/C Sector Unit, 6th South Seas Det, plus miscellaneous units en route to NEW GUINEA and NEW BRITAIN stranded at PALAU.
9th Ind Mixed Regt	PAGAN	5th Expeditionary Unit.
(10th Ind Mixed Regt)	GUAM (Destroyed)	Elms 6th Expeditionary Unit.
11th Ind Mixed Regt	PULUWAT-TRUK	3rd Expeditionary Unit.
12th Ind Mixed Regt	MARCUS	2nd South Seas Gar Elms 5th Ind Mixed Regt Elms 16th Tank Regt.
13th Ind Mixed Regt	WAKE	3rd South Seas Gar Elms 5th Ind Mixed Regt Elms 16th Tank Regt.

It is estimated that the Japanese reinforcement of the CENTRAL PACIFIC, exclusive of the BONINS, involved over 100,000 Army troops who reached the area between mid-1943 and mid-1944.

4. Isolation and attrition. After the Allied landings in the MARIANAS in June and July and in PALAU in September 1944, Japanese troops in the CENTRAL PACIFIC were cut off from the receipt of any substantial replacements or supplies. Japanese activity has been devoted to attaining self-sufficiency, to consolidating their present positions and to defense against Allied air attacks.

After the Allied occupation of SAIPAN, the Hq of the Thirty-first Army was established on GUAM, and on 1 July the Army ceased to control the BONINS. In August the Hq on GUAM was destroyed and the Japanese forces on PALAU were subordinated directly to the Southern Army. The general administrative functions of the Thirty-first Army were apparently taken over by the 52nd Div at TRUK. The extent to which the Army functioned during the rest of 1944 is not clear, but in January the commanding general of the 52nd Div was given a concurrent appointment as commander of the Thirty-first Army and now commands Japanese Army forces in the CAROLINES (except for the PALAU GP) and the MARSHALLS.

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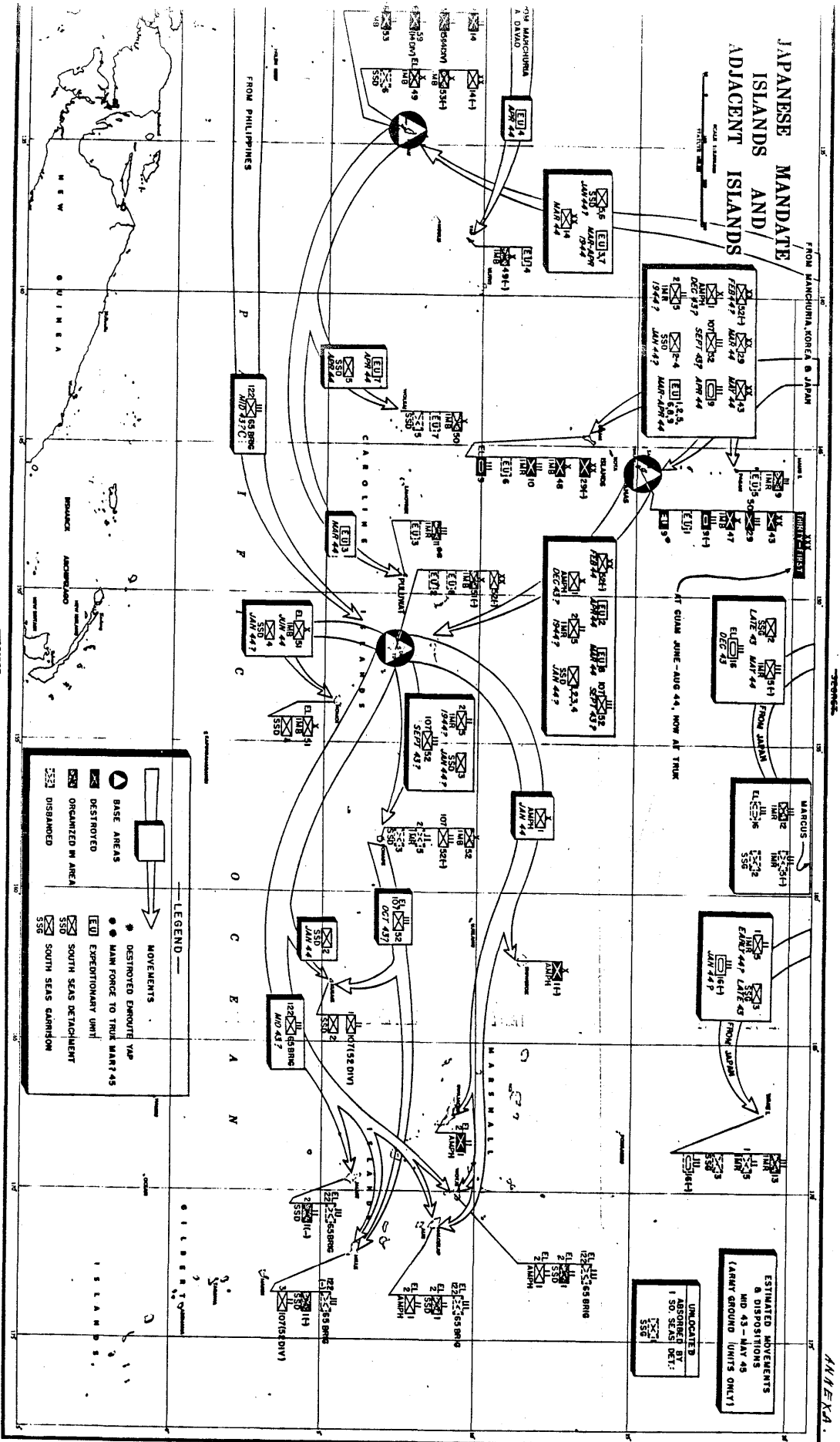
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There is evidence that Japanese forces in the CENTRAL PACIFIC have suffered heavily from attrition, and in recent months food shortages have become so grave that some re-deployment of troops has been necessary. Early in 1945, probably in March, a majority of the troops stationed on PULUWAT were moved to TRUK, and the number of men on WOLEAI is known to have decreased markedly because of deaths from starvation. On other islands, however, the Japanese are believed to have attained some degree of self-sufficiency and will probably be capable of supplying themselves for an indefinite period. At the present time it is estimated that there are 100,000 Japanese troops in the area, including 65,000 Army troops. Details of the strength estimate are shown on the map, Annex B.

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The following is the weekly list of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL (all dates are 1944 unless otherwise specified).

MINOR UNITS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
6th Ind Fld Arty Bn (Dokuritsu Yahoei Daitai)	LUZON	January (1945)	
6th Hv Arty Regt (Juhoei Rentai)	AMAMI OSHIMA (RYUKYUS)	August	
7th Hv Arty Regt	RYUKYUS	August	
8th Hv Arty Regt	ISHIGAKI (RYUKYUS)	January (1945)	
5th Ind Hv Arty Bn	JAPAN?	April	
5th Ind Mortar Co	OKINAWA (RYUKYUS)	October	
16th Sp Machine Cn Unit	NEGROS, P.I.	January (1945)	
58th, 59th, 60th 61st, 62nd Sp Machine Cn Units	PALEMBANG	October	
5th Ind Anti-tank Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: MALAYA (11/41)?
Burma Area Army Sig Unit	Dropped		Absorbed by Southern Army 2nd Sig Unit.
Tenth Area Army Sig Unit	TAIHOKU (FORMOSA)	October	
Fourteenth Area Army Sig Unit	Dropped		Absorbed by Southern Army 1st Sig Unit.
97th Ind Wire Co	KUALA LUMPUR (MALAYA)	May	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
19th Ind Trans- port Co (Dokuritsu Shichohei Ghutai)	S CHINA	December	
28th Ind Motor Transport Bn (Dokuritsu Jidosha Daitai)	UNLOCATED	August	
75th Ind Motor Transport Co	SE ASIA	January (1945)	
36th Sp Motor Transport Co	THAILAND	April	
65th L/C Hosp	MANCHURIA	August	
131st L/C Hosp	NICOBAR IS	December	
133rd L/C Hosp	BURMA	December	
134th L/C Hosp	PHILIPPINES	November	
135th L/C Hosp	NANCOWRY (NICOBAR IS)	June	
141st L/C Hosp	LUZON	December	
12th L/C Vet Hosp	SINGAPORE	August	
34th Cons Duty Co	CENTRAL CHINA	December	
60th Cons Duty Co	MOULMEIN? (BURMA)	August	
50th Sp Cons Duty Co	Dropped		Unit demobilized. Formerly carried: NW NEW GUINEA (6/44).
71st Land Duty Co	AMAMI GUNTO (RYUKYUS)	January (1945)	
11th Sp Land Duty Co	TIMOR	September	
37th Sp Land Duty Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: NW NEW GUINEA (6/44).
38th Sp Land Duty Co	MAKASSAR	August	
42nd Sp Land Duty Co	TIMOR	October	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
44th Sp Land Duty Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: NNW NEW GUINEA (11/43).
13th Ry Regt	CENTRAL and S CHINA?	October	
Tenth Area Army Fld Ord Depot	TAKAO	October	
Taiwan Army Fld Ord Depot	Dropped		Formerly carried: TAKAO.
30th Gar Bn (Keibi Daitai)	KARAFUTO	November	
552nd Sp Gar Bn	TAIHOKU (FORMOSA)	November	
88th L/C Gar Unit	LUZON	February (1945)	
4th Shipping Sig Bn	Hq: SHANGHAI	January (1945)	
2nd Launching (Hansui Sagyotai)	Dropped		Formerly carried: JAPAN (12/43).
30th Suicide Boat Service Unit (Kaijo Teishin Kichi Daitai)	MIYAKOJIMA	March (1945)	

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Japanese Ground Forces  
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A. SUMMARY.

1. RYUKYUS--Amami Oshima, Funauke, Nakagusuku Bay and Karimata Fortresses dropped from Order of Battle. (B.4.)
2. MANCHURIA--Location of 120th Div. (B.8.)
3. CENTRAL and S CHINA--Conversion of Twenty-third Army into Area Army. Designation of unidentified division. Location of 27th Div and 6th Ind Tank Brig. (B.9.b.)
4. FRENCH INDO-CHINA--Location of 22nd Div Hq. (B.10.a.)
5. Order of Battle review of E NETHERLANDS INDIES--BISMARCKS--SOLOMONS. (Inclosure No. 2)
6. Organization of triangular divisions (new type), 19th Div and independent machine gun battalions. (Inclosure No. 3)
7. Study of Military Post Offices in MANCHURIA. (Inclosure No. 4)

B. IDENTIFICATIONS, STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS.

1. FIRST GENERAL ARMY (Hq TOKYO).

a. ELEVENTH AREA ARMY (Hq SENDAI).

(1) Strength estimate: 114,000, increased from 110,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is increased to 14,000 from 10,000 by reassessment.

(2) No other changes.

b. TWELFTH AREA ARMY (Hq TOKYO).

(1) Strength estimate: 395,000, increased from 390,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is increased to 110,000 from 105,000 by reassessment.

(2) No other changes.

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2. SECOND GENERAL ARMY (Hq HIROSHIMA).

a. SIXTEENTH AREA ARMY (Hq FUKUOKA).

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The movement of the 3rd Amph Brig from the N. KURILES to JAPAN was reported in Bulletin 60. There are some indications (GX) that this Brigade, now carried in transit with elements 2781) tentatively at AOMORI, may be moving to S KYUSHU.

3. FIFTH AREA ARMY (Hq SAPPORO).

No changea.

4. TENTH AREA ARMY (Hq TAIHOKU).

RYUKYUS.

a. General:

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The following fortresses are believed to have been disbanded or absorbed by other units and are dropped from Order of Battle:

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(1) Amami Oshima Fortress - The CO of this unit became the CO of the 21st Ind Mixed Regt (AMAMI GP).

(2) Funauke Fortress - The CO of this unit became CO of the Maizuru Fortress.

(3) Nakagusuku Bay Fortress - The CO of this unit became CO of the 1st Inf Unit, 44th Ind Mixed Brig (OKINAWA).

(4) Karimata Fortress - There has been no reference to this unit since 1941.

b. Strength estimate: 125,000, increased from 109,000. Army ground strength is increased to 102,000 from 86,000.

The strength estimate for the OKINAWA GP has been fixed at the arbitrary figure of 36,000, which is believed to reflect more nearly the Japanese scale of resistance on OKINAWA than the 17,000 which would be reached by deducting the 53,000 reported casualties from the MIS D-day strength estimate of 70,000. No new major identifications have been received but it is known that some of the 73,000 males of military age who are believed to have been resident on OKINAWA have been impressed into service and it is believed that both the reported casualties and the present strength include some of these former civilians.

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Strength in the AMAMI GP is increased to 24,000 from 15,000 and that of the TOKARA GP to 12,000 from 8,000. The Japanese have reinforced the TOKARA and OSUMI ISLANDS (between KYUSHU and AMAMI) with 3,900 troops and planned in the latter part of April to move 3,700 additional troops there. Photo reconnaissance and documents captured on OKINAWA indicate that the Japanese have stationed more troops in the AMAMI GP than had previously been thought.

Strength estimates for the SAKISHIMA GP and DAITO GP remain unchanged.

c. No other changes.

5. SEVENTEENTH AREA ARMY (Hq KEIJO).

a. Strength estimate: 220,000, increased from 217,000. Army ground strength is increased to 203,000 from 200,000 to reflect the presence of an unidentified unit on SAISHU ISLAND (see par b. below).

b. New identifications: A new unit of unknown size, with the operational code name "Toride", has been identified on SAISHU ISLAND (off S coast of KOREA). Strength for that island is increased to 8,000 from 5,000. (GX 2795 J56145)

c. No other changes.

6. OGASAWARA FORCE (Hq CHICHIJIMA).

No changes.

7. THIRTY-FIRST ARMY (Hq TRUK).

No changes.

8. KWANTUNG ARMY (Hq HSINKING).

a. Strength estimate: unchanged.

b. New identifications: none.

c. New locations and movements: The 120th Div, heretofore carried unlocated in MANCHURIA (see Bulletin 63), has been identified with Hq at TUNGNING. Its presence in this area confirms its subordination to the Third Army (Hq YEHO). The tentative identification of the 260th Inf (J-59513) Regt as a component of this Division is confirmed.

9. CHINA EXPEDITIONARY ARMY (Hq NANKING).

a. E CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 156,000, increased from 154,000. Navy ground strength is increased to 7,000 from 5,000 by reassessment.

(2) No other changes.

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b. CENTRAL AND S CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 511,000, increased from 503,000. Navy ground strength is increased to 19,000 from 16,000 by reassessment.

(2) New identifications:

23 Area Army

(a) The Twenty-third Army (Hq CANTON) has been converted into an Area Army. Its designation is unknown but it will be carried tentatively as the Twenty-third Area Army. The Eleventh Army (Hq LIUCHOW), heretofore under the Sixth Area Army (Hq HANKOW), and units formerly commanded by the Twenty-third Army are believed to be under the jurisdiction of this new Area Army. The 27th Div (see par (3) below) is presumed to have come under the jurisdiction of this Area Army when it moved to the CANTON area. (RX 6598)

(b) The unidentified Division in the CANTON area, reported in Bulletin 63, has been identified as the 129th Div. (OSS A55853 A55976 A55841)

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(3) New locations and movements:

(a) The 27th Div, last identified in the drive on the Allied Air bases E of the Canton-Hankow RR, has been tentatively identified in the CANTON area. Strength in the coastal area from SWATOW to the LUICHOW PENINSULA is now estimated at 161,000. (OSS A 54394 CAK 11737 J52547)

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(b) The Hq of the 6th Ind Tank Brig, heretofore carried unlocated in CENTRAL CHINA, has been identified tentatively at HENGYANG. (OSS A 55336 CFBX 36066 37177)

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10. SOUTHERN ARMY (Hq SAIGON).

a. FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements:

The tentative location of 22nd Div Hq at DONG DANG (NE of HANOI) is confirmed by new evidence.

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b. BURMA.

(1) General: The absorption of two Bns of the 61st Inf Regt (4th Div) in the formation of the 72nd Ind Mixed Brig, reported in Bulletin 61, has been confirmed. (USAF I-3 Crax 4964 J52754)

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(2) Strength estimate: 113,000, reduced from 120,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 102,000 from 109,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(3) No other changes.

c. MALAYA-ANDAMANS.

(1) Strength estimate: 94,000, increased from 92,000. Army and Navy Air ground is increased to 15,000 from 13,000 by reassessment.

(2) No other changes.

d. LUZON.

(1) Strength estimate: 45,000, increased from 42,000. Navy ground strength is increased a net amount of 3,000 to a total of 6,000. Reported casualties of 7,000 have been deducted arbitrarily from an increase of 10,000 in Navy ground strength resulting from the identification of new units and a reassessment of strength of identified units in the area.

(2) No other changes.

e. CENTRAL AND S PHILIPPINES.

(1) Strength estimate: 50,000, reduced from 51,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is decreased to 17,000 from 18,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) No other changes.

f. DUTCH NEW GUINEA - BANDA SEA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

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(3) New locations and movements:

A detachment of the Second Army (Hq PIROE) is located in DUTCH NEW GUINEA at BABO (75 m. E of KOKAS).

11. EIGHTH AREA ARMY (Hq RABAU).

No changes.

C. SUPPLEMENTS.

1. Chart showing dispositions and strengths of the Japanese ground forces--Inclosure No. 1.

2. Review of Order of Battle in E NETHERLANDS INDIES--BISMARCKS--SOLOMONS area--Inclosure No. 2.

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3. Study of organization of triangular divisions (new type), the 19th Div and independent machine gun battalions--Inclosure No. 3.

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5. List of minor units, identified, located or dropped, and of code numbers identified, on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL--Inclosure No. 5.

D. IMPORTANT LATE DEVELOPMENTS.

(Appropriate changes will be made in next week's Chart, Inclosure No. 1.)

1. A new independent mixed brigade, the 100th, has been identified and is being picked up tentatively on (J60444) FORMOSA. No increase in the estimated strength for the area is being made since it is believed that the previous estimate made sufficient allowance for the presence of the Brigade.

2. There are some indications that the 25th Div, carried at PINGYANG, MANCHURIA, has moved to KOBAYASHI in S KYUSHU. Pending receipt of further information, however, the Division will continue to be carried at PINGYANG.

3. Two new divisions, the 121st and 123rd, have been identified in MANCHURIA, but their exact location is not (J60181) known. The estimated ground strength in MANCHURIA is being increased by 32,000 to reflect the presence of the new divisions.

The identification of the 121st and 123rd Divs suggests tentative theories about the numbering pattern which the Japanese are using this year in the formation of new divisions. Of the 14 divisions identified in 1945, the numbers for all but three are now known. The numbers, date of formation and place of formation are shown by the following table:

<u>Number of Division</u>	<u>Date of Formation</u>	<u>Place of Formation</u>
89th	First identified in April	Unknown - located in HOKKAIDO--S KURILES area
121st	January	MANCHURIA
122nd	January	MANCHURIA
123rd	January	MANCHURIA
126th	January	MANCHURIA
127th	January	MANCHURIA
129th	Probably February	CHINA (now located S CHINA)
131st	Probably March	CHINA (now located S CHINA)
133rd	March or earlier	Probably CHINA (now located at HANGCHOW)
130th	First identified in April	Unknown, associated with JAPAN
132nd	April	Unknown, some association with FORMOSA

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The identification of the 121st and 123rd Divs increases the number of divisions presently identified in MANCHURIA to 12. Since 1 Jan 44, 13 divisions have moved out of MANCHURIA and 11 new divisions have been created there. Assuming that each of the 14 divisions in MANCHURIA on 1 Jan 44 occupied permanent barracks (see Bulletin 54), facilities exist for two more divisions and two numbers--124 and 125--are missing in the sequence of divisions created in MANCHURIA in January. This suggests that the 124th and 125th Divs were formed in MANCHURIA, thus completing the replacement of all divisions which have moved out.

The 25th is the only Division left in MANCHURIA which was there on 1 Jan 44. If this Division has left MANCHURIA (see para D.2.), it might logically be replaced by the 128th Div.

The numbers of the three divisions formed in CHINA point to the existence of a block beginning with 129 (possibly 128, if that number is not assigned to MANCHURIA) assigned to divisions which are to be formed in CHINA this year. The theory is borne out to some extent by the fact that two divisions were scheduled to be formed in February and one of these is now believed to be the 129th while the other is believed to be the unidentified division carried at SWATOW. Another division was scheduled to be formed in March and is now believed to be the 131st in the KUKONG area. The foregoing suggests that the division at SWATOW is the 130th or possibly the 128th. The Chinese have reported a 132nd Div in N CHINA, but its existence is not confirmed.

Although no real conclusions can be drawn until further evidence is available, the numbering pattern suggests that the Japanese have now assigned number blocks by areas as follows:

<u>Number Block</u>	<u>Place of Formation</u>
121-127 or 128	Divisions formed in MANCHURIA
128 or 129-133 or some higher number	Divisions formed in CHINA
134 or higher to 152 or higher	Divisions formed in JAPAN and KOREA

The 89th Div, which is carried in the HOKKAIDO--S KURILES area, does not fit into the number pattern outlined above. Its number may be part of a previously assigned block, since the 91st Div was formed in the N KURILES and there have been indications that the Japanese at one time planned to form a 90th Div in KARAFUTO.

Even if number blocks have been assigned as outlined above, the divisions will not necessarily appear in chronological order exactly corresponding to the numerical order. Past Japanese practices have indicated that divisions may not be formed in strict numerical order and even that some numbers may remain blank because, for some reason, the plans could not be carried out.

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ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW

1. General. Order of Battle developments in the SW Pacific, because of the complex nature of Japanese operations, are not easily divisible into phases. Therefore, for convenience, the following discussion is divided into one-year periods.

2. Japanese Operations in 1942 (see map, Annex A).  
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a. E NETHERLANDS INDIES. In January 1942, the Japanese commenced operations in the E NETHERLANDS INDIES with amphibious and airborne landings in the vicinity of MENADO in NE CELEBES. The landings near MENADO and most of the other early landing operations in the E NETHERLANDS INDIES were a part of the overall plan to capture bases from which to support the invasion of JAVA. The primary responsibility for the campaign rested upon the Japanese Navy and most of the early operations in the area were carried out by Naval ground forces.

The only major Army unit involved in the area during the early part of the year was the 228th Inf Regt of the 38th Div. The Regiment, after participating in the capture of HONGKONG on 25 Dec 41, moved in February to AMBON where it was engaged for two weeks in the capture and consolidation of Japanese positions in that former Dutch base. The 228th Inf Regt then moved to TIMOR where it remained from March until October at which time it was transferred to JAVA, there rejoining the 38th Div.

After the conquest of JAVA in March the Japanese turned their attention to the strengthening of their newly acquired possessions in the BANDA SEA area. The importance of TIMOR, both as a potential base for launching operations against N AUSTRALIA and as a defensive position for the southern front was recognized and the Japanese took steps to strengthen their positions on the Island. In December the 48th Div was dispatched from JAVA to TIMOR. It established Hq at KOEPANG and disposed its strength generally throughout TIMOR and the LESSER SUNDAS. The 4th Tank Regt was also sent to KOEPANG, probably about the same time.

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b. SOLOMONS. BISMARCKS. E NEW GUINEA. Japanese operations in the area commenced on 23 Jan 42 when RABAU was captured and organized as a base for offensives directed (a) to the southwest for control of SE NEW GUINEA and subsequent operations against AUSTRALIA, and (b) southeast through the SOLOMONS to cut the Allied supply line from the UNITED STATES to AUSTRALIA. During the first half of the year landings were made at various points in the SOLOMONS as far south as TULAGI and GUADALCANAL by relatively small forces consisting in the main of Naval ground forces.

The first Japanese attempt to secure control of SE NEW GUINEA occurred in May. A task force designated the Horii Detachment, composed principally of the 144th Inf Regt (which had been detached from the 55th Div in November 1941, and had taken part in operations against GUAM) arrived in RABAU in January. Early in May the Detachment sailed to attack PORT MORESBY, accompanied by a Naval force which sortied from TULAGI HARBOR into the CORAL SEA. The Naval force was intercepted and defeated by carrier-based aircraft in the Battle of the Coral Sea (4-8 May) and the 144th Inf Regt returned to RABAU.

By this time, the Japanese, understanding the need for air power in their drive to the southeast, determined to establish airfields to support future Naval operations. In July a force of Naval laborers landed on GUADALCANAL and started airfield construction. The Japanese Navy was still in charge of operations in the area. During this period the Japanese, apparently aware that American forces were about to land on GUADALCANAL, made preparations to defend the Island. To this end the bulk of the 28th Inf Regt (detached from the 7th Div and called the Ichiki Detachment) was dispatched from JAPAN to RABAU, arriving in August. The first echelon of the Ichiki Detachment began landing on GUADALCANAL on 17 Aug, ten days after American forces had successfully invaded the Island and captured its all-important airfield. The first echelon of the Detachment attacked the airfield and was largely destroyed. Early in September a second force consisting of the remainder of the Detachment and the 124th Inf Regt (which had been detached from the 18th Div and had moved to RABAU in April from the PHILIPPINES via PALAU) were thrown into GUADALCANAL. Those forces also suffered heavy losses, and the Ichiki Detachment was virtually annihilated.

To retrieve the situation on GUADALCANAL the Japanese apparently decided that it was necessary to risk large combat units, and the 2nd Div, which had seen service in JAVA, was dispatched in September to RABAU. In that same month the first elements of the Division arrived on GUADALCANAL. With the arrival of reinforcements in the BISMARCKS--SOLOMONS area Army troops began so greatly to outnumber Navy troops that the Japanese shifted responsibility for the entire operations from the Navy to the Army. To command all Japanese forces in the operations the Seventeenth Army (which had been formed at DAVAO in May) was ordered

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to the SOLOMONS and the commanding general arrived on GUADALCANAL in mid-October. An all-out attack was carried out against American positions during 23-26 Oct. It was decisively repulsed and the Japanese hastily called for additional reinforcements. The 38th Div and the 8th Tank Regt were at RABAU, having arrived in October from JAVA and MANCHURIA, respectively. The 38th Div was earmarked for operations in NEW GUINEA, but the deteriorating situation in the SOLOMONS called for a change in plans and the Division, except for one battalion of the 229th Inf Regt and for minor elements which were left at RABAU, was diverted to GUADALCANAL. The Division arrived piecemeal during November, suffering heavily en route; at least 11 ships were sunk with an estimated loss of 7,000 troops. Late in November and early in December the Japanese were forced on the defensive. They had committed some 45,000 men to the GUADALCANAL operations, and by the end of the year their capabilities on the Island had been reduced to fanatical but hopeless resistance, the ever-growing Allied air and sea blockade precluding the possibility of reinforcement.

In the meantime the Japanese continued their drive to dominate SE NEW GUINEA, even though their first attempt to capture PORT MORESBY had been frustrated by the Coral Sea Battle. On 22 July the 144th Inf Regt reinforced by other troops (the Horii Detachment) landed at GONA, on the NE PAPUAN Coast. The Detachment quickly captured BUNA and by 28 July had penetrated inland to KOKODA, where Australian resistance forced them to deploy. By the middle of August reinforcements had landed at GONA. The reinforcements consisted principally of the 41st Inf Regt, which (detached from the 5th Div) had seen service in the PHILIPPINES and had arrived at RABAU via PALAU during June. Thus reinforced, the Horii Detachment was able to break through the Australian defense of KOKODA and commenced the drive across the OWEN STANLEY MOUNTAINS toward PORT MORESBY.

On 26 Aug the Japanese attempted to outflank the Allied positions by landing the Kure No. 3 Special Naval Landing Force at MILNE BAY on the southern tip of PAPUA. After several days of severe fighting this force was repelled and virtually destroyed by a numerically superior Australian garrison.

Meanwhile, the Horii Detachment had crossed the OWEN STANLEY RANGE and by mid-September had reached the vicinity of IORIBAIWA, about 23 miles from PORT MORESBY. At that point the advance was stopped by the stubborn Australian defense. By 28 Sept the Japanese, their supply lines wrecked by Allied strafing and bombing and their forces badly depleted by starvation and disease, began to withdraw back across the mountains under unceasing Australian pressure. KOKODA was recaptured on 2 Nov and by the end of the month the Japanese had been backed into defensive positions between BUNA and GONA. In the latter part of November the Japanese attempted, without much success,

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to reinforce their hard pressed troops. The principal combat unit which was able to land was the 3rd Bn of the 229th Inf Regt (38th Div), which had arrived at BUNA by mid-November. Heavy fighting continued throughout the area and at the end of the year the remnants of the Japanese forces were penned in around BUNA MISSION facing annihilation.

The strategic picture had thus definitely worsened for the Japanese throughout the entire NEW GUINEA-SOLOMONS area during the latter half of 1942. What had been planned as easy conquests had turned into costly defeats. They had been forced to commit approximately two and one-half divisions on GUADALCANAL and still their position in the SOLOMONS remained hopeless in the southern, and precarious in the central and northern, islands; furthermore, it had now become increasingly apparent that measures had to be taken to bolster their sagging right flank in NEW GUINEA. Their bases at LAE and SALAMAU, only lightly garrisoned with Naval and service troops since the original landings there in March, were in particular danger.

The situation plainly called for a reorganization of the command structure and for large scale reinforcements. Both measures were adopted. The responsibility for Army operations in E NEW GUINEA was committed to a new Army, the Eighteenth, which was organized at RABAU in November. To command both the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Armies, the Eighth Area Army was formed at about the same time with Hq at RABAU.

Major reinforcements began to arrive at RABAU during December. First came the 21st Ind Mixed Brig\* which had sailed in November from FRENCH INDO-CHINA. A part of the Brigade was immediately dispatched to reinforce the garrison in the LAE-SALAMAU sector. Later in December there arrived at RABAU the 51st Div from CHINA and the 65th Brig\*\* from the PHILIPPINES where it had participated in the Batasan campaign and in subsequent punitive expeditions on LUZON.

Other reinforcements were on the way but did not arrive in the SW PACIFIC until 1943. Thus, at the end of 1942 the Japanese were preparing for large scale defensive warfare in island areas over which, according to their original plans, they were to have had complete control several months earlier.

c. Strength. It is estimated that the total Japanese ground strength in the area at the end of 1942 was approximately 120,000.

\*The 21st Ind Mixed Brig consisted of the 1st and 3rd Bns of the 170th Inf Regt and supporting troops. The 2nd Bn of the 170th Inf Regt had been detached earlier.

\*\*Reduced to the strength of one infantry regiment, the 141st, plus supporting troops.



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3. Japanese Operations in 1943. (See map, Annex B)  
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a. SOLOMONS, BISMARCKS, E NEW GUINEA. In January 1943 the commanding general of the Seventeenth Army, finally realizing the hopelessness of the Japanese position in GUADALCANAL, withdrew his Hq to the BUIN-SHORTLAND area. A few troops were evacuated from GUADALCANAL, but the remainder were left to be wiped out. By the middle of February organized Japanese resistance had ended; the 2nd Div and the 124th Inf Regt had been destroyed; and the 38th Div had lost the bulk of its fighting strength. However, the latter Division had enough forces in RABAU to form a nucleus for reorganization and it was subsequently built up to combat strength on NEW BRITAIN with replacements shipped in from the EMPIRE.

The Japanese, during the final phases of the GUADALCANAL campaign, made feverish efforts to reinforce the CENTRAL and N SOLOMONS. In January they dispatched the 66th Inf Regt of the 51st Div from RABAU to the NEW GEORGIA area. At the same time they began to ship to the BUIN-SHORTLANDS area advanced elements of the 6th Div. The Division had arrived in RABAU early in the month from CHINA as a part of the general reinforcement program initiated late in 1942 when the situation on GUADALCANAL became grave.

Japanese anxiety over the strengthening of the Australian base at WAU, in NEW GUINEA, impelled them to send troops to that sector also, and in January the 102nd Inf Regt of the 51st Div moved from RABAU to reinforce the LAE-SALAMAUA area. Allied air attacks on the convoy caused moderate Japanese losses, the effect of which was to force the Japanese to develop a staging area at WEWAK through which to direct additional units destined for E NEW GUINEA. In January the 20th Div (less the 78th Inf Regt) arrived at WEWAK from KOREA. In the following month the 41st Div arrived from CHINA, and the 20th Div proceeded down the NEW GUINEA coast to MADANG. Also in February the Eighteenth Army moved its Hq from NEW BRITAIN to the LAE-SALAMAUA area.

Meanwhile, the 102nd Inf Regt had been ordered to cross the mountains and capture the airfield at WAU. The Japanese were repulsed by the Australian garrison with heavy losses. Early in March, in response to the Eighteenth Army's hurried call for reinforcements, the remainder of the 51st Div (less the 66th Inf Regt on NEW GEORGIA) and the elements of the 21st Ind Mixed Brig at RABAU were ordered to SALAMAUA. These units met with disaster in the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, when an Allied air attack virtually destroyed the entire convoy with the loss of practically all of the troops aboard. As a result, the Eighth Area Army was compelled temporarily to alter its preparations for the defense of the CENTRAL SOLOMONS in order to meet the immediate needs of the situation in NEW GUINEA. Therefore, late in March the 66th Inf Regt was recalled from NEW GEORGIA to RABAU. By May it had

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arrived in the SALAMAU area, and its place in NEW GEORGIA had been taken by the newly reorganized 229th Inf Regt of the 38th Div.

During April, May and June combat operations continued on a desultory scale in the SOLOMONS and NEW GUINEA, while the Japanese built up their reserves and waited to see where the next Allied blow would fall. Late in June the strategic situation was as follows:

(1) The Eighth Area Army had at RABUL the 17th Div, which arrived from CHINA in May, and the 65th Brig. Apparently the Area Army intended not to deploy these forces immediately but rather to hold them in strategic reserve pending a clarification of Allied offensive intentions.

(2) The Seventeenth Army was engaged in organizing the defenses of the CENTRAL SOLOMONS and in preparing BOUGAINVILLE as a base of supply and administration. Its principal combat force was the 6th Div, which had largely completed its movement to the BUIN-SHORTLANDS area in March.

(3) The Eighteenth Army had its forward units concentrating in the LAE-SALAMAU sector, the 20th Div (rejoined in April by its 78th Inf Regt) assembling at MADANG, and the 41st Div at WEWAK.

The Allied offensive began at the end of June with amphibious landings at NASSAU BAY, south of SALAMAU in NEW GUINEA, and in the NEW GEORGIA area in the CENTRAL SOLOMONS. In both sectors the Japanese offered fanatical resistance. By August, however, most of the Japanese garrison in NEW GEORGIA (consisting mainly of the 229th Inf Regt, and of minor elements of the 6th Div which came south from BOUGAINVILLE during the early part of July) had been eliminated, and after brief fighting the islands adjacent to NEW GEORGIA were also captured.

In NEW GUINEA, however, Japanese opposition was more protracted. A succession of well-manned defensive positions confronted Australian troops advancing on SALAMAU from MUBO and American troops proceeding along the coastal route from NASSAU BAY. During July the Japanese reinforced the LAE-SALAMAU area with a part of the 20th Div but Allied air and naval attacks precluded the Japanese from bringing in any major portion of the Eighteenth Army's strategic reserves at WEWAK and MADANG. Convinced that the principal Allied drive was against SALAMAU, the Eighteenth Army repeatedly attempted piecemeal reinforcement at night by barge from LAE, thus reducing out of all proportion the combat strength at the latter place. Therefore, when in September the main Allied offensive was launched against LAE, there was but little resistance on the part of the Japanese there. They soon found themselves between twin Allied drives, the one from the east by Australian forces who had forced a landing on the S shore of the HUON PENINSULA, the other

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from the west by American airborne troops dropped in the MARKHAM VALLEY. The remnants of the Japanese forces in LAE and SALAMAUA broke contact with the Allies, filtered into the mountains, and scattered northward. During October, November and December the troops, consisting principally of elements of the 20th Div and remnants of the 51st Div, carried out a difficult retreat toward their base at MADANG. The 21st Ind Mixed Brig, having lost most of its combat effectives, had been dissolved in July, and the unfortunate 51st Div had been almost wiped out by mid-September. During the last quarter of 1943 fighting in NEW GUINEA continued on a minor scale, the principal combat area being in high ground west of FINSCHHAFEN where a small Japanese garrison was defeated. Remnants of this force moved westward joining those fleeing north from LAE.

Meanwhile, with the rapid fall of the CENTRAL SOLOMONS to the Allies, the Eighth Area Army could ill afford to delay further the strengthening of its few remaining positions, particularly BOUGAINVILLE and the western part of NEW BRITAIN. In October elements of the 17th Div at approximately regimental strength were sent to BUKA and N BOUGAINVILLE and placed under the Seventeenth Army, while the 65th Brig and the remainder of the 17th Div moved to western NEW BRITAIN. The Seventeenth Army then disposed its newly acquired forces, together with those troops which had been evacuated from the CENTRAL SOLOMONS, in the two main areas judged to be the objects of Allied intentions, namely, BUKA ISLAND and the southern part of BOUGAINVILLE.

Thus deployed, the Seventeenth Army was ill prepared to meet the 1 Nov American landing at TOROKINA, on EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY, on the west coast of BOUGAINVILLE. Minor Japanese resistance in that area was quickly overcome and a perimeter approximately ten m. long and five m. deep was established. By the end of the year three airstrips had been carved out of the jungle and BOUGAINVILLE had become an important Allied base.

In the meantime, the Eighth Area Army was busily engaged in finding a satisfactory deployment in western NEW BRITAIN for the 65th Brig and the bulk of the 17th Div. Because of the extreme length of the coast line to be defended, these forces had to be spread thinly. Lack of roads and trails made movements of reserves almost impossible. The Allied landings at ARAWE and CAPE GLOUCESTER late in December found the Japanese forces split. Although fierce local resistance was offered, by the end of 1943 it was obvious that the Japanese had lost western NEW BRITAIN; and the establishment of Allied air bases on the shore of the BISMARCK SEA was an unmistakable implication of complete isolation for the Area Army.

b. E NETHERLANDS INDIES. During January the Southern Army, in an effort to strengthen its southern front and to close the gap between the Japanese positions

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In NEW GUINEA and the LESSER SUNDAS, sent the 5th Div from MALAYA to the E BANDA SEA area. The Division established its Hq in SW NEW GUINEA and distributed its combat strength between SW NEW GUINEA and the KAI and AROE ISLANDS, while the 48th Div moved a small force into the TANIMBARIS. To control the two Divisions, which were widely dispersed between LOMBOK ISLAND and SW NEW GUINEA, the Nineteenth Army, believed to have been organized in JAVA late in 1942 or early in 1943, was sent to the BANDA SEA in March. The Army established its Hq at AMBON.

Later in 1943 the Japanese high command turned its attention to NW NEW GUINEA. The extent of Allied successes farther to the east had made the Japanese apprehensive about the lack of defensive organization in the rear of the Eighteenth Army and in November two command organizations, the Second Area Army and the Second Army, were sent into the SW PACIFIC from MANCHURIA. The Second Area Army established its Hq at DAVAO and assumed jurisdiction over the Second and Nineteenth Armies, and their respective rear zones of communication, namely, the NETHERLANDS, CELEBES and the MALAYAN ISLANDS.

The Second Army Hq moved to MANOKWARI. The area of NW NEW GUINEA west of the 140th meridian, including the VOGELKOP and the northern BOMBERAI PENINSULA, which had formerly been under the jurisdiction of the Nineteenth Army, was assigned to the Second Army. Late in December the Second Army received its first major combat unit when the 36th Div began arriving in NW NEW GUINEA. One infantry regiment, the 222nd, was placed on BIAK ISLAND, while the rest of the Division went into position in the WAKDE--MAFFIN BAY area, with Hq at SARMI. Thus, by the end of 1943 the Japanese had built up their strength in the E NETHERLANDS INDIES to a total of three divisions under two armies and one area army.

c. Strength. Estimated Japanese ground strength in the E NETHERLANDS INDIES--BISMARCKS--SOLOMONS area had increased during 1943 from 120,000 to approximately 240,000.

### 3. Japanese Operations in 1944 (See map, Annex C).

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a. SOLOMONS, BISMARCKS, E NEW GUINEA. The Seventeenth Army, at the beginning of 1944, was isolated in the BUKA--BOUGAINVILLE area, with its line of communication to RABOUL severed by Allied air and naval power based at EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY. At the same time RABOUL itself was under constant air attack by Allied planes based on BOUGAINVILLE.

The situation called for heroic measures and the Seventeenth Army was ordered to drive the Americans from TOROKINA. Although plans for the attack were made at least as early as January, the date for the attack was set for the second week in March in order to allow time for the deployment of troops and the accumulation of supplies in forward areas. The Seventeenth Army had available for the attack the main strength of the 6th Div in the BUIN area,

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and approximately a regiment of the 17th Div in the area between BUKA and NUMA NUMA, in addition to some non-divisional troops. Logistical problems were tremendous; a large proportion of troops and supplies had to be moved from the east coast across the central mountain range, while other units had to move from the north and south through the jungle. The offensive began on 8 Mar and, after three weeks of the most bitter fighting, was repulsed with heavy losses in men and materiel. Following the TOROKINA attack the Japanese gradually withdrew their shattered forces, falling back upon their supply and garden areas at BUIN and NUMA NUMA. Their offensive strength spent, they then reverted to the defensive and bent their energies toward the development of self-sufficiency.

The Japanese position in NEW BRITAIN was also deteriorating rapidly. Unable to prevent the Allied exploitation of the western half of the Island, the Eighth Area Army ordered the 65th Brig and the 17th Div to withdraw to the northeast. During February the 17th Div began withdrawing its units from the ARAWE sector, and in March both the Division and the Brigade were in full retreat toward RABAUL.

The precarious position of the Area Army was made hopeless by the American invasion of the ADMIRALTIES at the end of February, which placed Allied forces directly astride the Japanese supply line to RABAUL. The Japanese had foreseen the vulnerability of the ADMIRALTIES when the Allies invaded W NEW BRITAIN in December 1943. In January the 1st Ind Mixed Regt, which had arrived at TRUK from JAPAN in December, was ordered south to KAVIENG. The bulk of the Regiment was employed to garrison NW NEW IRELAND, but the 2nd Bn was immediately dispatched to the ADMIRALTIES. In February the Battalion was reinforced by elements of the 38th Div, and the total strength in the ADMIRALTIES exceeded 4,000 when American forces invaded the Islands. Three weeks after the invasion organized resistance ceased with the destruction of the entire garrison.

During the first half of 1944 the Eighteenth Army in E NEW GUINEA was having its own difficulties. On 2 Jan American forces landed at SAIDOR, and the hard-pressed Japanese remnants from LAE and SALAMAUA were forced back toward MADANG. The bulk of the Army's combat strength was now in this sector and resistance stiffened in the vicinity of BOGADJIM. The depleted 51st Div moved westward in February and took over the defense of HANSA BAY, leaving the 20th and 41st Divs preparing to meet expected Allied landings in the MUGIL--MADANG area. Early in March the Army began to spread out its forces all along the coast. It ordered the 51st Div to proceed to WEWAK to reorganize, hoping to build up the combat strength of this force, so heavily depleted in the 1943 campaigns. The bulk of the 20th Div took the 51st Div's place at HANSA BAY and the 78th Inf Regt of the 20th Div reinforced the 41st Div, which was charged with the defense of the MADANG area.

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While the Eighteenth Army was engaged in working out the tactical defense of the coast between WEWAK and MADANG, Imperial Hq began to play a strategical hand in the SW PACIFIC. After the Allied success in the ADMIRALTIES, the Japanese envisaged further invasions, but much farther up the NEW GUINEA coast than the combat units of the Eighteenth Army were concentrated. The Eighth Area Army had obviously not only lost complete control, tactical and otherwise, over the Eighteenth Army, but also was engaged in a struggle for its own existence. Therefore, on 25 Mar the Eighteenth Army was removed from the control of the Eighth Area Army and placed under the Second Area Army. The boundary between the two area armies was moved eastward from the 140th to the 147th meridian (except that the Eighth Area Army was given the dubious honor of retaining its jurisdiction over the ADMIRALTIES).

The Second Area Army immediately ordered a retirement from the area east of the SEPIK RIVER mouth, and the early dispatch of one division to cover HOLLANDIA, which by that time had become the major air base in NEW GUINEA as well as the principal port through which supplies and reinforcements were furnished to the Eighteenth Army. By 1 Apr the 51st Div had deployed in the WEWAK area, while the 20th and 41st Divs continued to withdraw westward. The Second Area Army's fear of Allied landings in the rear of the Eighteenth Army was soon justified. On 22 Apr American forces, in a large scale amphibious operation, captured HOLLANDIA, routing a garrison of service and air force troops. No Japanese division had arrived to organize the defenses, apparently because the 51st Div (the most readily available) had not completed its reorganization. However, a small advance force of the 20th Div had reached AITAPE where it opposed the American forces landing at that point.

At the end of the first half of 1944 the Japanese armies in the SOLOMONS, BISMARCKS and NE NEW GUINEA were cut off not only from the rear but from each other.

During the remainder of the year the Japanese in the BISMARCKS and SOLOMONS were preparing for a long defensive war. During July they reorganized their forces. On BOUGAINVILLE the 38th Ind Mixed Brig was created, its principal component being the 81st Inf Regt into which were merged all the other infantry elements of the 17th Div on the Island. On NEW IRELAND the 40th Ind Mixed Brig was formed by combining the 230th Regt of the 38th Div and the 1st Ind Mixed Regt. On NEW BRITAIN a large number of shipping and service personnel were formed into combat units. Enough personnel was on hand to create several units of regimental size. Of the units thus formed, the 2nd Mixed Regt was assigned to the 17th Div (replacing its former 81st Inf Regt), the 3rd Mixed Regt was assigned to the 38th Div (replacing its former 230th Inf Regt), and the 4th and 5th Mixed Regts, together with supporting troops, were used to form the 39th Ind Mixed Brig. In addition, the 14th Ind

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Mixed Regt was organized and assigned the mission of defending DUKE OF YORK ISLAND (midway between NEW BRITAIN and NEW IRELAND).

In E NEW GUINEA, however, the immediate Japanese reaction to their isolation was to begin offensive preparations. An all-out attack, which began in mid-July, was ordered against the new Allied base at AITAPE with the 20th and 41st Divs in the line, and the 51st Div in reserve at WEWAK. The attack failed as dismally as had the Seventeenth Army's ill-fated TOROKINA offensive. By September the Eighteenth Army was in full retreat, and by the end of 1944 the Army was on the defensive, attempting to organize for all-around defense and to develop self-sufficiency.

b. E NETHERLANDS INDIES. During the first three months of 1944 Japanese activities in this area were largely concerned with organization for defense. In April the Second Area Army moved its Hq from DAVAO to MENADO, a location more suitable for its zone of operations. Major reinforcements, consisting of the 32nd and 35th Divs, began arriving in the SW PACIFIC during May. The 32nd Div, and approximately two-thirds of the 35th Div, embarked at SHANGHAI and proceeded to HALMAHERA and NW NEW GUINEA respectively. The convoy suffered such heavy losses en route at the hands of Allied submarines, particularly in the CELEBES SEA, that the 32nd Div arrived at HALMAHERA with an operational strength of slightly more than 9,000. It established Hq at WASILE and assumed jurisdiction over the HALMAHERAS and the TALAUD and SANGIHE ISLANDS. The bulk of the 35th Div went to MANOKWARI. About one-third of the Division, including the 219th Inf Regt, had gone from TSINGTAO to PALAU. From there, except for one battalion which was left to garrison the ST ANDREW ISLANDS, the Regiment moved south in May to SORONG.

While the reinforcements were arriving in the HALMAHERAS and the VOGELKOP, major developments were occurring to the east. Immediately after the Allies captured HOLLANDIA in April, the 36th Div at SARMI ordered the 224th Inf Regt to advance to the east and engage the Allied forces. While this unit was moving, the Allies landed on WAKDE ISLAND and on the NEW GUINEA mainland at MAFFIN BAY. The 224th Inf Regt was ordered to return, and fierce fighting occurred in the SARMI area. Combat continued on a decreasing scale until the end of the year, resulting in the virtual destruction of the 36th Div.

At the end of May the third regiment of the Division, the 222nd, was engaged in a desperate struggle against American forces on BIAK ISLAND. That Island, the site of several airstrips, was considered by the Second Area Army as vital to the strategic defense of the entire HALMAHERA--NEW GUINEA area. Reinforcements were ordered to BIAK, the principal force being the 2nd Amph Brig (a unit intended for counter-landing operations) which had arrived at ZAMBOANGA from MANCHURIA during May, and had subsequently

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gone to DAVAO. In June the Brigade headed for BIAK aboard naval vessels. They were intercepted en route by Allied air and fleet units on 8 June, and several Japanese destroyers were sunk. The other ships moved to SORONG, where the Brigade disembarked. The only reinforcements which succeeded in reaching BIAK were minor elements of the 35th Div which arrived late in June from MANOKWARI, in time to be destroyed with the 22nd Inf Regt.

During the next month other 35th Div forces, at approximately battalion strength, were wiped out as Allied airborne troops seized NOEMFOOR ISLAND. By mid-July the Second Army's position in the VOGELKOP was imminently threatened. It was therefore decided to move the Hq of the 35th Div, and as much of its combat strength as possible, to SORONG and to defend that base to the end, in order that the Allied drive might not reach around NEW GUINEA into the undefended rear of the Nineteenth Army. By the end of July the 35th Div had largely completed its movement, and two provisional defensive combat organizations, the 1st and 2nd Ind Brigs, were created at MANOKWARI and SORONG, respectively. These units were composed, in the main, of miscellaneous service and shipping personnel.

As a consequence of the Allied landing at SANSAPOR at the end of July, it became clear that the Second Army could not continue at MANOKWARI, cut off as it was from its lines of communications to its superior Hq. It immediately began moving southward to IDORE, where it could more easily coordinate the defensive activities at SORONG and MANOKWARI, while still retaining a vestige of a supply route from the Japanese base at AMBON.

In line with the movement of the Second Army was the movement, in September, of the Hq of the Second Area Army from MENADO to PINRANG, in SW CELEBES. At MENADO the Area Army was exposed to frequent Allied air attacks and possible assault, particularly after the Allied forces had landed on MOROTAI in mid-September. Furthermore, at MENADO the Second Area Army was a considerable distance from the only safe Japanese route for supplies and reinforcements remaining open to the E NETHERLANDS INDIES, i.e., through SE ASIA and JAVA. In fact, no important reinforcements had moved via the CELEBES SEA since July, when the Hq and other elements of the 57th Ind Mixed Brig arrived at MENADO from the PHILIPPINES and the 10th Expeditionary Unit (at approximately regimental strength) arrived at HALMAHERA, TALAUD, SANGIHE and possibly MENADO from MANILA by way of DAVAO\*. At intervals in the last quarter of the year elements of the Expeditionary Unit and the 32nd Div (which controlled the Japanese forces on HALMAHERA) were moved by barge at night to MOROTAI and committed piece-meal in unsuccessful attempts to dislodge the Allied forces there.

The rapidly developing Allied offensive in

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\* Because of shipping difficulties, the 57th Ind Mixed Brig (organized in MANILA in June from troops sent from JAPAN) was able to move to MENADO only parts of four of its six independent infantry battalions.



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NEW GUINEA had produced a noticeable Japanese reaction in the LESSER SUNDAS-BANDA SEA area during 1944. To strengthen this area the 46th Div, less one regiment, moved into the LESSER SUNDAS beginning in January, and by mid-March had relieved the 48th Div of its responsibility for the defense of that area. (See Inclosure No. 5, Bulletin 56.) Thereupon in July the 48th Div moved its Hq from KOEPANG to DILLI, a place more calculated to insure centralized control over its new zone of responsibility. At the same time the 5th Div withdrew its Hq from its exposed position at KAIMANA to TOEAL, presumably to secure safer lines of communication to AMBON and the LESSER SUNDAS.

c. Strength. During 1944 the estimated total Japanese ground strength in the E NETHERLANDS INDIES-BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS area had increased from 240,000 to 270,000.

5. Japanese Operations in 1945. (see map, Annex D).  
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a. SOLOMONS, BISMARCKS, E NEW GUINEA. In the SOLOMONS the Japanese during 1945 continued to consolidate their positions in S BOUGAINVILLE. That portion of the Seventeenth Army in the north of the Island and on BUKA has gradually withdrawn down the east coast, offering rear-guard resistance to Australian troops which advanced north from EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY and rounded the northern end of BOUGAINVILLE. The 38th Ind Mixed Brig is believed to be defending the area between NUMA NUMA and KIETA while the 6th Div is offering heavy opposition to the Australians advancing south and east from EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY toward the BUIN area.

In the BISMARCKS the Eighth Area Army continued to strengthen the defenses of RABAU and NEW IRELAND. In March a group of miscellaneous units in the RABAU area, which had not been involved in the sweeping reorganization of July 1944, was organized into a 6th Mixed Regt and assigned to the 17th Div. During April another group of minor units, mainly antiaircraft, were organized by the Eighth Area Army into combat units, the principal ones being the 34th and 35th Ind Mixed Regts. Although the exact location of the two Independent Mixed Regiments is not definitely known, they are believed to be in the RABAU area. Prior to the reorganizations which began in July 1944, about 25,000 of the approximately 55,000 Army forces in NEW BRITAIN were service and Air ground troops. Virtually all the service personnel have been converted into combat troops and all combat units in the area (except for the 65th Brig) are believed to be at operational strength.

In E NEW GUINEA the Japanese have been continuously pushed back from the coast into the interior. The fall of WEWAK to Australian forces on 12 May has resulted in the complete isolation of the Eighteenth Army, since even the thin trickle of supplies carried by submarine has been cut off. Their one remaining capability is to withdraw into the interior southwest from WEWAK and defend their garden areas.

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b. E NETHERLANDS INDIES. All Japanese units in DUTCH NEW GUINEA, except for those in a small segment of the southwest coast, are now completely isolated from supplies and with little chance of evacuation. Remnants of the 36th Div continue to exist in the mountains inland from SARMI. The only Japanese forces of significant size in DUTCH NEW GUINEA are the garrisons at SORONG and MANOKWARI and in the BOMBERAI PENINSULA. In April the 2nd Ind Brig, at SORONG, was ordered dissolved and there are indications that the 1st Ind Brig, at MANOKWARI, was also to be dissolved. The principal movement in NEW GUINEA of importance occurred in February when the Second Army Hq was transferred from IDORE to KOKAS.

There have been but few order of battle changes in the CELEBES-HALMAHERA area during 1945. By mid-January the 57th Ind Mixed Brig had assumed control of the N CELEBES-TALAUD-SANGIHE area. On 19 Feb two of the Brigade's independent infantry battalions, the 374th and 376th, being unable to proceed any further than TARAKAN (BORNEO) on their way to MENADO, were removed from the organization of the Brigade.

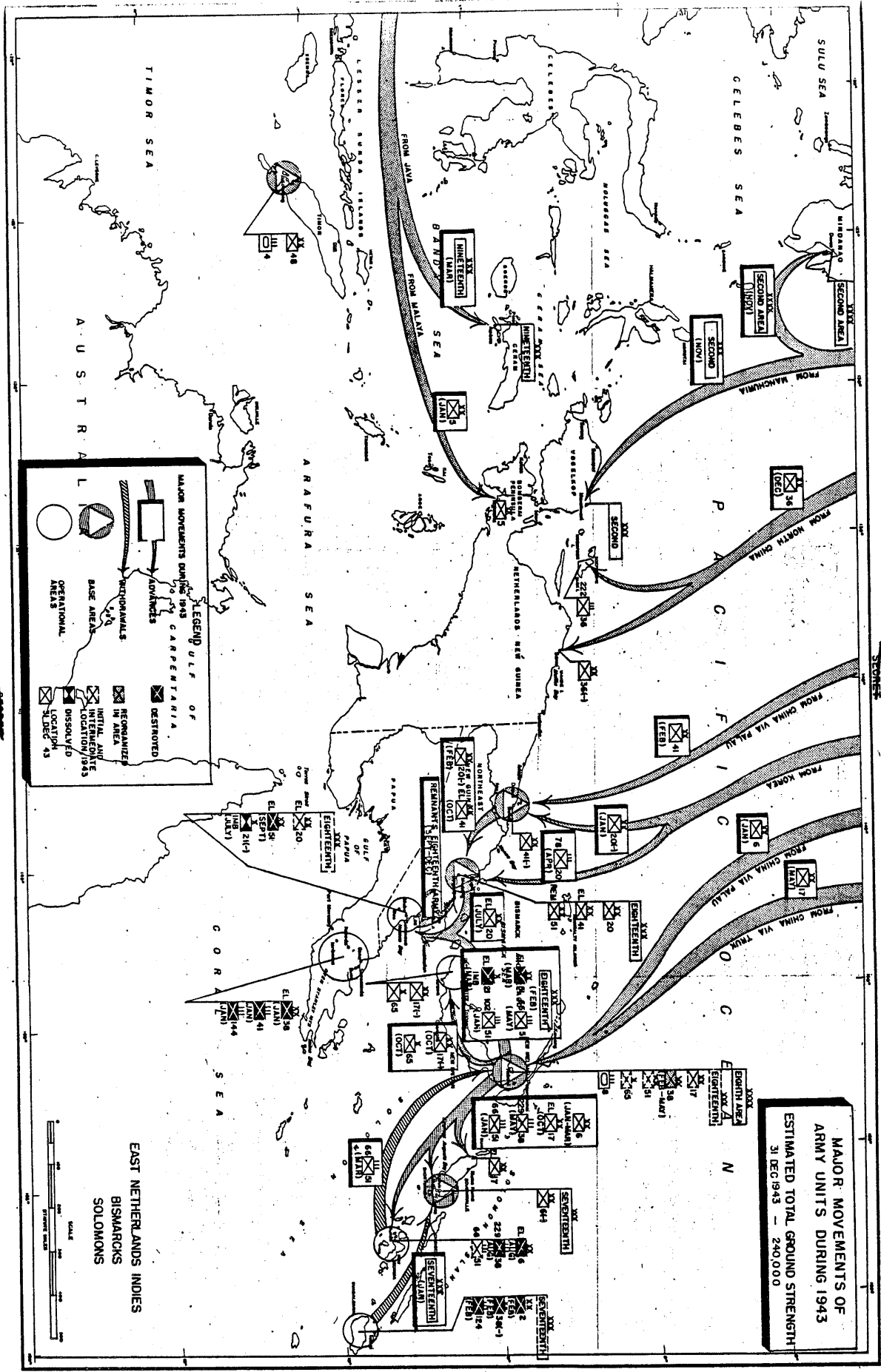
During the early part of 1945 major troop movements and a sweeping reorganization of command took place in the LESSER SUNDAS-BANDA SEA area. Consequent with the Japanese strategy of reinforcing SE ASIA, a large scale re-deployment of forces began. By the end of March some 8,000 troops under the 46th Div had moved from the LESSER SUNDAS to JAVA en route to SINGAPORE. The 48th Div thereupon reassumed its original jurisdiction over the vacated area and is now engaged in shifting its strength within its present operational area which extends from BALI to TIMOR, inclusive. Present plans are for the Division's main strength to be on SOEMBAWA and it is probable that its Hq will be transferred to BIMA. The Nineteenth Army, at PIROE, was dissolved as of 19 Mar, and its units located in the LESSER SUNDAS were transferred to the Second Area Army and those in the BANDA SEA-SW NEW GUINEA area to the Second Army. The Second Army moved its Hq from KOKAS to PIROE, completing the movement in May.

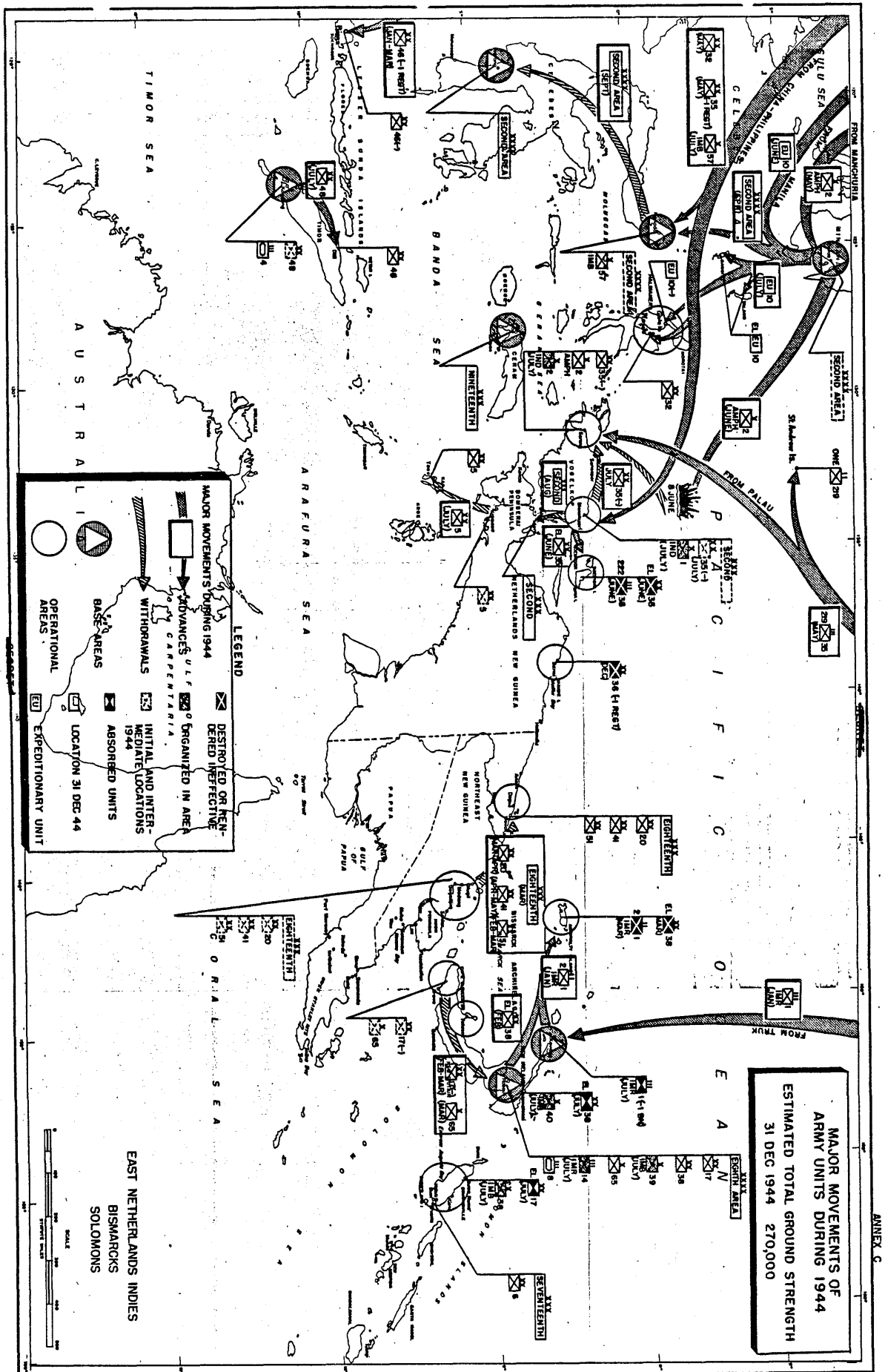
Further movements of troops are imminent, the present Japanese plan calling for the transfer of the 5th Div from the E BANDA SEA-SW NEW GUINEA area to MALAYA. As yet no major elements of that Division have left the area although it appears that two groups of 4,000 troops each are scheduled to reach MALAYA in July and October, respectively. In addition, a withdrawal of approximately 7,600 troops from the CELEBES is now under way, part of this number having been scheduled to depart for SURABAYA from MACASSAR on 4 May. Subsequent to these movements the Japanese plan to withdraw westward all troops from the E NETHERLANDS INDIES except for a minimum force necessary for guerrilla warfare.

c. Strength. Estimated total strength of Japanese ground forces in the E NETHERLANDS INDIES-BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS area has since 31 Dec 44, decreased because of casualties, attrition and withdrawals, from 270,000 to 247,000, of which 190,000 are Army ground, 31,000 Army and Navy Air ground, and 26,000 Navy ground. A detailed breakdown of Japanese strength by area is shown on map, Annex D, and a complete list of identified units by area is contained in Annex E.



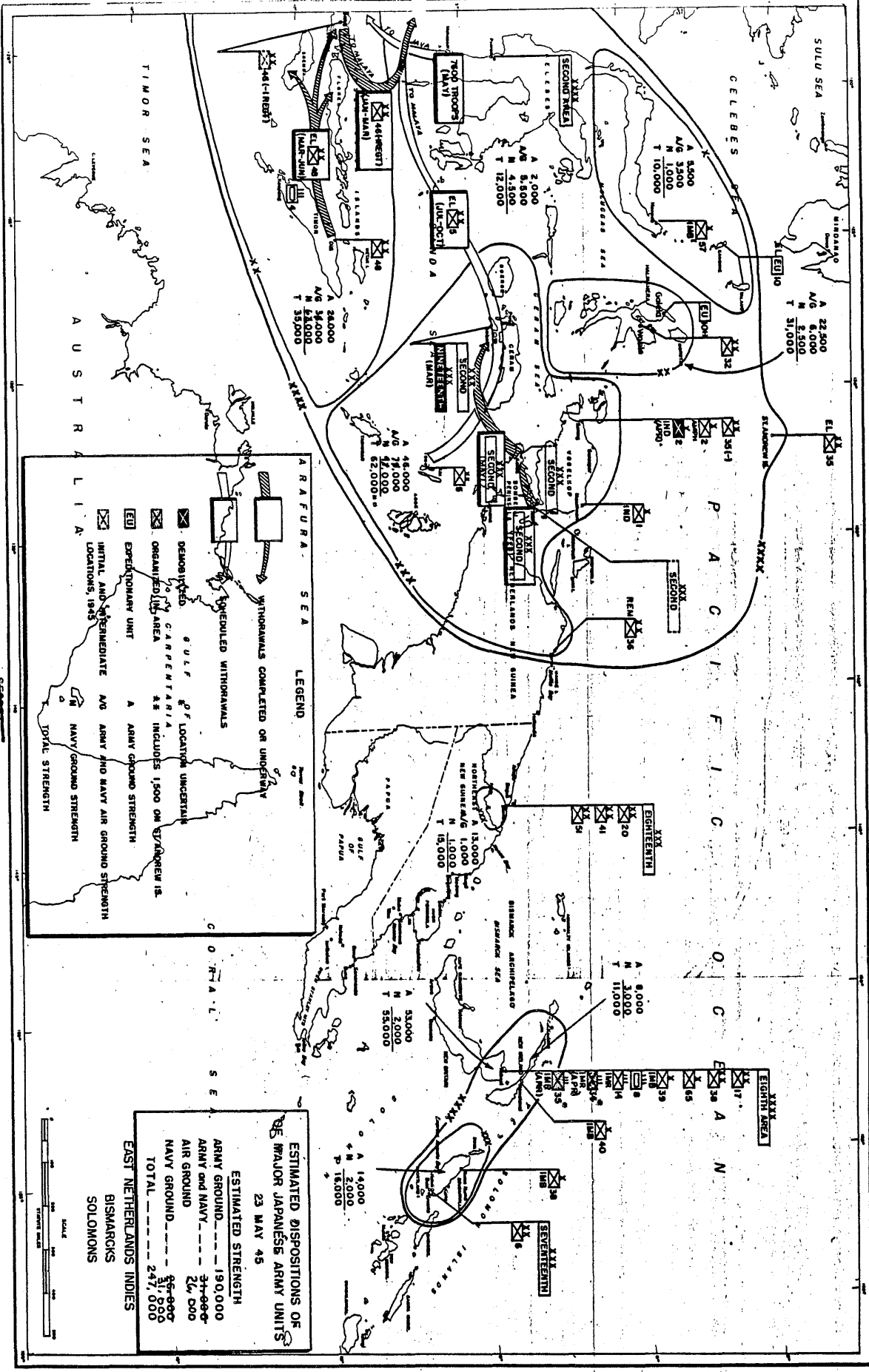






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E NETHERLANDS INDIES-BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS

1. Estimated Operational Strengths of Identified Ground Units

	<u>Army Ground</u>	<u>Air Ground</u>	<u>Navy Ground</u>
BOUGAINVILLE	35,625	---	11,964
NEW IRELAND	9,800	---	3,542
NEW BRITAIN	67,860	700	9,402
UNLOCATED	6,580	---	600
TOTAL EIGHTH AREA ARMY	119,865	700	25,508
EIGHTEENTH ARMY (E NEW GUINEA)	90,105	1,325	2,100
SECOND AREA ARMY:			
DUTCH NEW GUINEA	55,825	3,735	7,597
E BANDA SEA	15,255	1,475	2,370
AMBON-CERAM	10,830	2,865	6,624
UNLOCATED	1,240	---	---
TOTAL SECOND ARMY	83,150	8,075	16,591
BALI	850	255	645
LOMBOK	2,260	---	---
SOEMBWA	4,315	---	---
SOEMBA	965	460	1,941
FLORES	1,595	675	1,000
TIMOR	12,480	1,035	1,036
UNLOCATED	50	100	---
TOTAL LESSER SUNDAS	22,515	2,525	4,622
CELEBES	7,385	8,790	3,000
HALMAHERA	24,175	4,700	7,865
UNLOCATED	270	---	---
TOTAL CELEBES-HALMAHERA	31,830	13,490	10,865
TOTAL SECOND AREA ARMY	137,495	24,090	32,078
TOTAL E NETHERLANDS INDIES-BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS	347,465	26,115	59,686

It is to be noted that the strengths shown in the above table are operational rather than actual strengths. Estimates of the actual strengths (which take into consideration casualties and attrition) in the various areas are shown on the map, Annex D.

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## 2. Identified Units

The following is a list of identified Army, Navy and Air ground units in the E NETHERLANDS INDIES-- BISMARCKS--SOLOMONS area, with their locations (where known) and their estimated operational strengths.

### EIGHTH AREA ARMY AREA

#### BOUGAINVILLE

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>		
Seventeenth Army	--	450
6th Div	BUIN	19,500
38th Ind Mixed Brig	--	5,400
4th South Seas Gar Unit	--	1,350
4th Medium Arty Regt	--	1,620
20th Ind Mt Arty Bn	--	830
38th Fld AAA Bn	--	470
59th Fld AAA Bn	ERVENTA	470
19th Ind Engr Regt	ERVENTA	900
2nd Shipping Engr Regt	ERVENTA	1,080
Seventeenth Army Sig Unit	ERVENTA	90
32nd Sig Regt	--	2,160
212th Ind Motor Transport Co	ERVENTA	160
76th L/C Hosp	--	315
96th L/C Hosp	--	315
17th Water Supply and Purif Dept	ERVENTA	290
27th Fld PO Unit	--	225
245th Fld PO	KIETA	--*
Total Army Ground		35,625

\*Strength included in that of 27th Fld PO Unit.

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Navy Ground</u>		
Kure 7th SNLF	--	1,515
Sasebo 6th SNLF	BUIN	1,515
1st Base Force	BUIN	1,500
8th Guard Force	--	734
3rd AA Def Unit	--	300
7th AA Def Unit	--	300
12th AA Def Unit	BUIN	300
13th AA Def Unit	--	300
16th AA Def Unit	--	300
18th AA Def Unit	--	300
19th AA Def Unit	BUIN	300
24th AA Def Unit	BUIN	300
28th AA Def Unit	BUKA	300
20th Cons Unit	BUKA	1,000
121st Cons Unit	--	1,000
131st Cons Unit	--	1,000
211th Cons Unit	BUKA	<u>1,000</u>

Total Navy Ground 11,964

Total Army and Navy Ground--BOUGAINVILLE 47,539

NEW IRELAND

Army Ground

40th Ind Mixed Brig	NAMATANAI	9,800
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Navy Ground

14th Base Force	KAVIENG	1,500
83rd Guard Force	KAVIENG	429
89th Guard Force	NAMATANAI	613
18th Cons Unit	KAVIENG	<u>1,000</u>

Total Navy Ground 3,542

Total Army and Navy Ground--NEW IRELAND 13,342

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NEW BRITAIN (RABAU AREA)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>	
Eighth Area Army	450
17th Div	17,300
38th Div	18,500
39th Ind Mixed Brig	10,700
65th Brig	2,100
14th Ind Mixed Regt (DUKE OF YORK IS)	2,700
1st Ind Amph Bn	720
8th Tank Regt	855
Eighth Area Army Arty Unit ?	180 ?
9th Arty Comd	110
7th Medium Arty Regt	990
3rd Ind Hv Arty Bn	540 ?
5th Ind Medium Arty Bn	660
1st and 2nd Ind Arty Mortar Bns (810 ea)	1,620
17th Fld Machine Cn Co	225
Eighth Area Army Sig Unit	110
16th Sig Regt	2,160
90th Ind Wire Co	380
53rd Ind Radio Plat	55
8th Fixed Sig Unit	270
33rd, 37th, 42nd and 44th Fixed Radio Units (25 ea)	100
38th Ind Motor Transport Bn	720
24th Fld Water Supply and Purif Dept	380
10th Casualty Clearing Unit	110
53rd, 65rd, 75rd and 76th Casualty Clearing Plats (55 ea)	220
64th, 67th, 97th, 100th and 103rd L/C Hoops (315 ea)	1,575

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NEW BRITAIN (RABAU AREA) (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground (Continued)</u>	
10th and 14th L/C Medical Units (110 ea)	220
16th L/C Vet Hosp	470
41st Fld Road Cons Unit	360
64th Cons Duty Co	180
27th Sp Cons Duty Co	25
55th Land Duty Co	315
2nd, 3rd, 6th and 20th Sp Land Duty Cos (25 ea)	100
Guards Div 7th Land Transport Unit	540
Eighth Area Army Fld Ord Depot	340
26th Fld Ord Depot	340
26th Fld Motor Transport Depot (-)	300
Eighth Area Army Fld Freight Depot	270
26th Fld Freight Depot	270
10th and 14th Fld PO Units (225 ea)	450
241st and 246th Fld POs	

Total Army Ground 67,860

Navy Ground

8th Base Force	1,000 ?
81st Guard Force	602
86th Guard Force	800 ?
12th(?), 16th, 17th, 22nd(?), 34th, 101st(?) and 212th Cons Units (1000 ? ea)	7,000 ?

Total Navy Ground 9,402

Navy Air Ground

11th Air Fleet (-)	100
958th Air Gp (-)	350
105th Air Base Unit (-)	250

Total Navy Air Ground 700

Total Ground Units--NEW BRITAIN 77,962

\*Strength included in that of Fld PO Units.

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UNLOCATED--EIGHTH AREA ARMY AREA

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>	
34th and 35th Ind Mixed Regts (2,700 ea)	5,400
6th and 7th Commando Units (250 ? ea)	500 ?
Seventeenth Army Fld Ord Dep	340
31st Sea Duty Co	315
20th Sp Sea Duty Co (BISMARCKS)	25
247th Fld PO	---
Total Army Ground	6,580

Navy Ground

1st and 11th AA Def Units (300 ea)	600
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Total Army and Navy Ground--Unlocated 7,180

Total Ground Units--Eighth Area Army Area:

BOUGAINVILLE	47,589
NEW IRELAND	13,342
NEW BRITAIN (RABAU AREA)	77,962
UNLOCATED	<u>7,180</u>
	<u>146,073</u>

\*Strength included in that of Fld PO Units at RABAU.

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EIGHTEENTH ARMY AREA

E NEW GUINEA

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>	
Eighteenth Army	450
20th Div	18,600
41st Div	16,600
51st Div	15,000
21st Mortar Bn	740
12th Fld AA Def Unit	70
46th, 56th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th and 68th Fld AAA Bns (470 ea)	4,230
38th, 39th and 41st Ind Fld AAA Cos (180 ea)	480
15th, 19th and 20th Fld Machine Cn Cos (225 ea)	675
25th, 29th, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th and 39th Fld Machine Cn Cos (110 ea)	990
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th Ind Fld SL Cos (170 ea)	1,020
6th Ind Antitank Bn	430
30th, 33rd, 36th and 37th Ind Engr Regts (900 ea)	3,600
Eighteenth Army Sig Unit	90
3rd Sig Regt	2,160
3rd Fld Sig Co	180
4th, 5th, 7th and 8th Ind Radio Plats (55 ea)	220
9th and 33rd Fixed Sig Units (270 ea)	540
45th and 46th Fixed Radio Units (25 ea)	50
4th Fld Transport Comd	75
24th, 39th and 42nd Ind Motor Transport Bns (720 ea)	2,160
2nd, 225th and 291st Ind Motor Transport Cos (160 ea)	480

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E NEW GUINEA (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground (Continued)</u>	
Eighteenth Army Water Supply and Purif Dept	290
25th Fld Water Supply and Purif Dept	290
46th, 48th, 49th, 74th and 75th Casualty Clearing Plats (55 ea)	275
79th, 90th, 102nd, 111th, 113th, 117th and 122nd L/C Hosps (315 ea)	2,205
18th Vet Quarantine Hosp	110
Eighteenth Army MP Unit	360
6th Fld MP Unit	360
31st, 32nd, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 44th, 46th and 48th Fld Road Cons Units (270 ea)	2,430
31st, 49th, 51st, 52nd, 61st and 81st Cons Duty Cos (180 ea)	1,080
26th Sp Cons Duty Co	25
73rd, 75th, 76th, 81st, 88th and 105th Land Duty Cos (315 ea)	1,690
1st, 4th and 5th Sp Land Duty Cos (25 ea)	75
8th Div 9th Land Transport Unit	540
Eighteenth Army Fld Ord Depot	340
Eighteenth Army Fld Motor Transport Depot	380
27th Fld Motor Transport Depot	380
Eighteenth Army Fld Freight Depot	270
27th Fld Freight Depot	270
44th and 54th L/C Sector Units (1,575 ea)	3,150
37th and 59th Sea Duty Cos (315 ea)	630
16th, 17th, 18th and 19th Sp Sea Duty Cos (25 ea)	100
1st Shipping Gp	90
31st and 48th Anchorages (50 ea)	100

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E NEW GUINEA (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground (Continued)</u>	
5th and 9th Shipping Engr Regts (1,080 ea)	2,160
1st, 3rd and 9th Debarkation Units (900 ea)	2,700
4th Sea Transport Bn	765
248th, 282nd and 284th Fld POs	---
009,31 Total Army Ground	(Total together) 90,105
<u>Army Air Ground</u>	
12th and 30th** Air Sector Comds (25 ea)	1,500
21st**, 25th, 41st, 47th, 48th** and 51st** Airfield Bns (100 ea)	600
22nd**, 23rd**, 24th**, 26th**, 33rd** and 86th** Airfield Cos (50 ea)	300
10th**, 11th** and 17th Fld Airfield Cons Units (100 ea)	300
14th Fld Air Supply Depot	75
009,31 Total Army Air Ground	1,325
<u>Navy Ground</u>	
27th Base Force	1,500
23rd and 31st AA Def Units (300 ea)	600
Total Navy Ground	2,100
Total Ground Units--Eighteenth Army Area	93,530

\*Strength included in that of Fld PO Units elsewhere in the general area, probably one of those at RABAU.

\*\*No longer effective as an air force ground unit.

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SECOND AREA ARMY AREA

SECOND AREA ARMY  
DUTCH NEW GUINEA

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>		
14th Div Sea Transport Unit	--	1,500
35th Div	SORONG	10,400
36th Div (less most of Transport Unit)	SARMI	13,600
1st Ind Brig	MANOKWARI	---
2nd Amph Brig (less Transport Unit)	SORONG	3,100
1st, 2nd and 3rd Exploitation Duty Units (1,260 ea)	--	3,780
1st Commando Unit	--	1,500
4th Ind Mt Arty Regt	--	2,475
20th Fld AA Def Unit	MANOKWARI	70
49th Fld AAA Bn	MANOKWARI	470
53rd Fld AAA Bn	SORONG	470
54th, 57th and 73rd Fld AAA Bns (470 ea)	--	1,410
74th Fld AAA Bn (-)	--	370
40th Ind Fld AAA Co	--	160
21st Fld Machine Cn Co	--	110
24th Fld Machine Cn Co	--	225
41st Fld Machine Cn Co	--	110
42nd Fld Machine Cn Co	SARMI	110
45th Fld Machine Cn Co	--	110
47th Fld Machine Cn Co	MANOKWARI	110
4th Fld SL Bn	--	405

\*No strength carried because unit believed formed from other units already in the area and carried elsewhere in this list.

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground (Continued)</u>		
9th Ind Fld SL Bn	--	165
4th Engr Unit	--	45
15th Ind Engr Regt	--	900
3rd Ind Engr Co	--	160
24th Sig Regt	IDORE	2,160
2nd Fld Sig Co	MANOKWARI	180
99th Ind Wire Co	--	380
86th Ind Radio Plat	--	55
24th, 48th, 227th and 228th Ind Motor Trans- port Cos (160 ea)	--	640
229th Ind Motor Trans- port Co	MANOKWARI	160
247th and 248th Ind Motor Transport Cos (160 ea)	--	320
28th Sp Motor Transport Co	--	45
29th Sp Motor Transport Co (-)	--	38
39th Sp Motor Transport Co	--	45
19th L/C Motor Transport Co	--	160
18th Casualty Clearing Unit	--	110
66th, 85th, 87th and 88th Casualty Clearing Plats (55 ea)	--	220
125th L/C Hosp	IDORE--Elms SORONG	315
10th Fld MP Unit	--	360
2nd Water Supply and Purif Dept	KAIMANA	290
14th Fld Duty Unit	--	290
51st Fld Road Cons Unit	--	360

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground (Continued)</u>		
48th Cons Duty Co	--	180
69th Cons Duty Co	MANOKWARI	180
70th Cons Duty Co	--	180
72nd Cons Duty Co	SORONG?	180
73rd Cons Duty Co	MANOKWARI	180
24th, 48th(?) and 69th Sp Cons Duty Cos (25 ea)	--	75
104th Sp Cons Duty Co	SARMI	25
36th Sp Land Duty Co	MANOKWARI	25
38th, 39th, 41st and 43rd Sp Land Duty Cos (25 ea)	--	100
2nd Sp Waterways Transport Unit	--	540
Second Army Fld Ord Depot	--	340
30th Fld Ord Depot	MANOKWARI	340
Second Army Fld Motor Transport Depot	--	380
Second Army Fld Freight Depot	MANOKWARI	270
30th Fld Freight Depot	MANOKWARI	270
3rd Mobile Lumbering Sqd	MANOKWARI	10
16th and 17th Mobile Lumbering Sqds (10 ea)	--	20
55th L/C Sector Unit	--	1,575
47th Anchorage	SORONG	50
Bn, 48th Anchorage	KAIMANA	25
5th and 11th Debarkation Units (900 ea)	--	1,800
1st Shipping Sig Co	--	135
2nd Sea Transport Bn	VOGELKOP area	765

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground (Continued)</u>		
51st, 53rd, 54th, 60th and 64th Sp Sea Duty Cos (25 ea)	--	125
1st Br, 3rd Fld Shipping Depot	VOGELKOP	50
19th Fld PO Unit (-)	MANOKWARI	<u>125</u>
Total Army Ground		55,825
<u>Army Air Ground</u>		
20th Airfield Bn	--	205
22nd Airfield Bn*	--	50
107th, 172nd and 209th* Airfield Bns (205 ea)	--	615
42nd Airfield Co*	SAMATE	110
48th Airfield Co*	MOEMI	110
2nd Fld Airfield Cons Comd*	MANOKWARI	50
Elms 2nd Fld Airfield Cons Unit*	MANOKWARI	200
5th and 6th Fld Airfield Cons Units (200 ea)	--	400
14th Fld Airfield Cons Unit*	MANOKWARI	200
15th Fld Airfield Cons Unit*	MANOKWARI	200
101st Fld Airfield Cons Unit*	MANOKWARI/MOEMI	200
105th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	SAMATE	200
107th and 108th Fld Air- field Cons Units (200 ea)	--	400
124th Fld Airfield Cons Unit*	SAMATE	200

\*No longer effective as an air force unit.



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DUTCH NEW GUINEA (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
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Army Air Ground (Continued)

Elms 2nd Meteorological Regt	--	115
Elms 13th Fld Meteorological Unit	--	100
14th Fld Air Repair Depot	--	200
21st Fld Air Repair Depot	MOEMI	<u>180</u>
Total Army Air Ground		3,735

Navy Ground

Elms 25th Base Force	--	400
28th Base Force	MANOKWARI	800
5th Guard Force	KOEAS	100
18th Guard Force	MANOKWARI	697
27th Guard Force	SORONG	800
91st Guard Force	--	800
116th Cons Unit	BABO	1,000
201st Cons Unit	SAGA	1,000
232nd Cons Unit	SAGA	1,000
440th Cons Unit	Scheduled for SAGA	<u>1,000</u>

Total Navy Ground 7,597

Total Ground Units--DUTCH NEW GUINEA 67,157

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E BANDA SEA AREA

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>		
5th Div	TOEAL	13,000
50th Ind Fld AAA Co	KAI IS	175
Br, 48th Anchorage	TOEAL	25
Br, 48th Anchorage	SERWATOE, AROE IS	25
7th Shipping Engr Regt	TOEAL	1,080
7th Debarkation Unit	TOEAL	900
2nd Br, 3rd Fld Shipping Depot	TOEAL	50
Total Army Ground		15,255
<u>Army Air Ground</u>		
15th Airfield Co	LANGGOER, KAI IS	225
27th Airfield Co	TOEAL--LANGGOER	225
31st Airfield Co	TOEAL	225
106th Airfield Cons Unit	TOEAL	400
109th Airfield Cons Unit	TOEAL	400
Total Army Air Ground		1,475
<u>Navy Ground</u>		
7th Guard Force	MIKOOR, AROE IS	1,070
35th AA Def Unit	KAI IS	300
36th Cons Unit	KAI IS	1,000
Total Navy Ground		2,370
Total Ground Units--E BANDA SEA AREA		<u>19,100</u>

AMBON--CERAM AREA

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>		
Second Army	PIROE	450
18th Fld AA Def Unit	AMBON	60
44th Fld AAA Bn	AMBON	470

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AMBON--CERAM AREA (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground (Continued)</u>		
43rd, 44th, 45th, 49th and 51st Ind Fld AAA Cos (160 ea)	AMBON	800
11th and 12th Ind Fld SL Cos (165 ea)	AMBON?	330
3rd Ind Engr Regt	CERAM	900
Nineteenth Army Sig Unit	AMBON	90
26th Sig Regt	AMBON	2,160
77th and 80th Ind Radio Plats (55 ea)	AMBON	110
7th Fixed Sig Unit	AMBON	270
15th Southern Hill Hosp	AMBON	270
5th Fld MP Unit	AMBON	360
43rd Cons Duty Co	AMBON	180
54th Cons Duty Co	CERAM	180
118th and 123rd Land Duty Cos (315 ea)	AMBON	630
12th Sp Land Duty Co	--	25
Nineteenth Army Fld Motor Transport Depot	--	360
Nineteenth Army Fld Freight Depot	AMBON	270
48th Anchorage	PIROE	50
Sub-br, 48th Anchorage	WARU, CERAM	25
Sub-br, 48th Anchorage	--	25
4th Shipping Engr Regt	Main force scheduled	900
20th Shipping Engr Regt	--	1,080
1st Sea Transport Bn	PIROE	765
Br, 3rd Fld Shipping Depot	--	50

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AMBON--CERAM AREA (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground (Continued)</u>		
260th Fld PO	AMBON	---
Total Army Ground		10,830

Army Air Ground

9th Air Sector Comd (less elms SOEMBA)	LIANG, AMBON	60
32nd Air Sector Comd	NAMLEA, BOEROE	50
5th Airfield Bn	NAMLEA, BOEROE	410
28th Airfield Bn	HAROEKOE	410
70th Airfield Bn	AMAHAI, CERAM	410
40th Airfield Co	LIANG, AMBON	225
18th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	LIANG, AMBON?	400
116th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	AMBON?	400
118th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	--	400
45th Aviation Radio Unit	LIANG, AMBON	50
21st Fld Air Supply Depot	LIANG, AMBON	50
Total Army Air Ground		2,865

Navy Ground

25th Base Force (-)	AMBON	1,200
20th Guard Force	--	1,000
21st Guard Force	--	2,524
25th and 54th AA Def Units (300 ea)	--	600
524th Shipping AA Def Unit	Scheduled	300
24th Cons Unit	--	1,000
Total Navy Ground		6,624

Total Ground Units--AMBON-CERAM AREA 20,519

\*Strength included in that of a Fld PO Unit somewhere in the general area.

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UNLOCATED--BANDA SEA AREA

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>	
68th Ind Wire Co	405
3rd Plat, 29th Sp Motor Transport Co	10
31st, 32nd, 34th and 35th Sp Motor Transport Cos (45 ea)	180
8th Water Supply and Purif Dept	290
39th and 40th Casualty Clearing Plat	110
9th and 10th Mobile Lumbering Sqds (10 ea)	20
15th Fld PO Unit	225
263rd Fld PO	--*
Total--UNLOCATED--BANDA SEA AREA	<u>1,240</u>
Total Ground Units--Second Army Area:	
DUTCH NEW GUINEA	67,157
E BANDA SEA AREA	19,100
ALBON-CERAM AREA	20,319
UNLOCATED--BANDA SEA AREA	<u>1,240</u>
	<u>107,816</u>

\*Strength included in that of Fld PO Unit

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LESSER SUNDAS

Army Ground

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>BALI</u>		
3rd Bn, 4th Inf Regt (2nd Div) Scheduled for THAILAND		850
<u>LOMBOK</u>		
Elms 48th Div (one Bn of 1st Formosa Regt and one Bn of 4th Inf Regt believed to have arrived)		2,150
40th Fld Machine Cn Co ?		110
<u>SOEMBABA</u>		
Elms 48th Div (two Bns of 2nd Formosa Inf Regt believed to have arrived BIMA)		2,150
72nd Fld AAA Bn		470
65th Casualty Clearing Plat		55
7th Mobile Lumbering Sqd		10
Bima Br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	BIMA	50
13th Shipping Engr Regt (-)	BIMA	680
13th Debarkation Unit	BIMA	900
<u>SOEMBA</u>		
Elms 16th Div (one Bn at WAINGAPOE)		850
26th and 27th Sp Motor Transport Cos (45 ea)		90
Waingapoe Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	WAINGAPOE	25
<u>FLORES</u>		
Elms 48th Div (two Cos at MAOEMERE)		500

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Army Ground (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>FLORES (Continued)</u>		
Elms 3rd Balloon Regt	--	50
48th Ind Fld AAA Co	--	160
46th Fld Machine Cn Co	--	110
109th L/C Hosp	--	315
33rd Sp Motor Transport Co	--	45
69th Land Duty Co	--	315
Maoemere Br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	--	50
4th Br, 3rd Fld Shipping Depot	--	50

TIMOR

Elms 48th Div (Div Hq, 2-1/2 Bns of Inf and bulk of divisional troops)	--	9,000
4th Tank Regt	SOE	405
12th Medium Arty Bn	KOEPANG	630
32nd Fld AAA Bn (less one Co)	--	375
5th Mortar Bn	--	740
57th Fixed Radio Unit	--	25
298th Ind Motor Transport Co	--	160
1st and 190th L/C Motor Transport Cos (160 ea)	--	320
29th Sp Cons Duty Co	KOEPANG	25
11th Sp Land Duty Co	--	25
Dilli Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	--	25
Koepang Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	--	25
Lautem Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	--	25

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Army Ground (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>TIMOR (Continued)</u>		
Elms 13th Shipping Engr Regt	--	400.
Elms 1st Sea Transport Bn	--	300
<u>UNLOCATED--LESSER SUNDAS</u>		
35th and 42nd Sp Land Duty Cos (25 ea)		50
Total Army Ground--LESSER SUNDAS		22,515

Army Air Ground

SOEMBA

Elms 9th Air Sector Comd	--	50
118th Airfield Bn	WAIKELO	410

FLORES

62nd Airfield Bn	MAOEMERE	410
34th Airfield Co	MAOEMERE	225
21st Fld Air Supply Depot	MAOEMERE	40

TIMOR

35th Airfield Bn	LAUTEM	410
7th Airfield Co	LAUTEM	225
9th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	KOEPANG	400

UNLOCATED--LESSER SUNDAS

1st Fld Airfield Cons Unit	--	100
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Total Army Air Ground--LESSER SUNDAS

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Navy Ground</u>		
24th Base Force	ENDE, FLORES	1,000
3rd Guard Force	DENPASSAO, BALI	645
4th Guard Force	KOEPANG, TIMOR	1,036
6th Guard Force	WAINGA, SOEMBA	941
213th Cons Unit	SOEMBA	<u>1,000</u>
Total Navy Ground--LESSER SUNDAS		4,622
<u>Navy Air Ground</u>		
Elms 381st Air Group	DENPASAR, BALI	<u>255</u>
Total Ground Units--LESSER SUNDAS		<u>29,662</u>

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CELEBES-HALMAHERA AREA

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>		
Second Area Army	PINRANG	1450
57th Ind Mixed Brig	MENADO	3,000
Elms 10th Expeditionary Unit	TALAUD-SANGIHE	1,500
5th Sp Machine Cn Unit	TALAUD area	90
Southern Army 4th Sig Unit	PINRANG	190
100th Ind Wire Co	MENADO	380
290th Ind Motor Transport Co	MENADO	160
1st L/C Hosp (-)	MENADO-Elms HALMAHERA	275
150th L/C Hosp	MENADO	315
Br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	MAKASSAR	50
Br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	BITON	50
Sub-br, 3rd Shipping Transport Comd	PAREPARE	25
Sub-br, 56th Anchorage	MENADO	25
14th Debarkation Unit	LOMBAGIN	900
5th Br, 3rd Flt Shipping Depot	PAREPARE	50
Sub-br, 3rd Flt Shipping Depot	BITON	25
380th Flt PO	MENADO	---
Total Army Ground		7,385

\*Strength included in that of a Flt PO Unit somewhere in the general area -- probably the one on HALMAHERA.

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CELEBES (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Air Ground</u>		
70th Ind Air Co	LIMBOENG	40
73rd Ind Air Co	LIMBOENG	75
8th Air Intelligence Unit	MAKASSAR	650
32nd Air Sector Comd	LIMBOENG	60
Menado Air Sector Comd	MENADO	110
108th Airfield Bn	MAPANGET	410
109th Airfield Bn	KENDARI ?	410
117th Airfield Bn	LIMBOENG	410
119th Airfield Bn	AMOERANG-MENADO	410
121st Airfield Bn	PINRANG	410
41st Airfield Co	SAPIRI ?	225
43rd Airfield Co	MENADO	225
4th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	MENADO	200
114th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	MOENA	400
134th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	--	200
9th Air Sig Regt	MAKASSAR	1,400
28th Aviation Radio Unit	--	200
45th Aviation Radio Unit	MAKASSAR	150
46th Aviation Radio Unit	LANGOAN-AMOERANG	125
12th Fld Meteorological Unit	MAKASSAR	675
13th Fld Meteorological Unit (-)	MENADO	475
21st Fld Air Repair Depot (-)	MENADO-LIMBOENG	720
Elms 21st Fld Air Supply Depot	BITON-MENADO ?	<u>60</u>
Total Army Air Ground		8,040

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CELEBES (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Navy Ground</u>		
23rd Base Force	MAKASSAR	1,500
5th Guard Force	MENADO	1,500
Total Navy Ground		3,000
<u>Navy Air Ground</u>		
Part of East Indies Air Gp	KENDARI	250
N of Australia Air Gp	KENDARI	500
Total Navy Air Ground		750
Total Ground Units- CELEBES		19,175

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HALMAHERA

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground</u>		
32nd Div	WASILE	12,900
36th Div Sea Transport Unit	--	1,500
Transport Unit, 2nd Amph Brig	--	1,500
1st Fld Base Force	--	90
Part 10th Expeditionary Unit GALELA		1,000 ?
1st and 2nd Sp Machine Cn Units (90 ea)	--	180
10th Ind Fld SL Co	--	165
90th and 91st Ind Radio Plats (55 ea)	--	110
263rd Ind Motor Transport Co	--	160
13th and 30th Sp Motor Transport Cos (45 ea)	--	90
28th Fld Water Supply and Purif Dept	--	290
57th Casualty Clearing Flat	--	55
Elms 1st L/C Hosp	--	40
126th L/C Hosp	--	315
8th Fld MP Unit	--	360
36th Cons Duty Co	WASILE	180
86th Land Duty Co	WASILE	315
2nd, 4th, 18th and 19th Mobile Lumbering Sqds (10 ea)	--	40
Second Area Army Fld Ord Depot	--	340
Br, 30th Fld Ord Depot	--	50
Second Area Army Fld Motor Transport Depot	--	380
Second Area Army Fld Freight Depot	--	270
56th L/C Sector Unit	--	1,575

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Army Ground (Continued)</u>		
3rd Shipping Transport Comd Expeditionary Unit	--	50
56th Anchorage	--	50
18th Shipping Engr Regt	--	1,080
8th Debarkation Unit	--	900
3rd Fld Shipping Depot	--	90
Elms 19th Fld PO Unit	--	<u>100</u>
Total Army Ground		24,175
<u>Army Air Ground</u>		
29th Air Sector Comd	WASILE	110
72nd Airfield Bn	GALELA	410
113th Airfield Bn	MITI	410
120th Airfield Bn	WASILE	410
122nd Airfield Bn	DJAILOLO	410
39th Airfield Co	WASILE	115
44th Airfield Co	DJAILOLO	225
45th Airfield Co	GALELA	225
2nd Fld Airfield Cons Unit (-)	WASILE	200
4th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	WASILE	100
19th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	WASILE	400
104th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	WASILE	400
120th Fld Airfield Cons Unit	GALELA	400
123rd Fld Airfield Cons Unit	GALELA	400
46th Aviation Radio Unit	WASILE-DJAILOLO- GALELA	75
Elms 21st Fld Air Supply Depot	GALELA-WASILE	310
21st Fld Air Repair Depot(-)	WASILE	<u>100</u>
Total Army Air Ground		4,700

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HALMAHERA (Continued)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Operational Strength</u>
<u>Navy Ground</u>		
26th Base Force	KAU	265
505th Shipping AA Def Unit	KAU	300
532nd Shipping AA Def Unit	KAU	300
19th Cons Unit ?	WASILE	1,000
26th Cons Unit	KAU	1,000
104th Cons Unit	WASILE	1,000
203rd Cons Unit	KAU	1,000
224th Cons Unit	KAU	1,000
230th Cons Unit	WASILE	1,000
241st Cons Unit	KAU	1,000
Total Navy Ground		<u>7,865</u>
Total Ground Units - HALMAHERA		<u>36,740</u>

UNLOCATED - CELEBES - HALMAHERA AREA

<u>Army Ground</u>		
3rd, 4th and 6th Sp Machine Cn Units (90 ea)	--	<u>270</u>
Total Ground Units - CELEBES-HALMAHERA AREA		<u>56,185</u>
Total Ground Units--Second Area Army Area:		
Second Army Area	107,816	
LESSER SUNDAS	29,662	
CELEBES-HALMAHERA AREA	<u>56,185</u>	
		<u>193,663</u>

Total Ground Units--E NETHERLANDS INDIES-  
BISMARCKS-SOLOMONS

Eighth Area Army Area	146,073
Eighteenth Army Area	93,530
Second Area Army Area	<u>193,663</u>

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ORGANIZATION

1. ORGANIZATION OF TRIANGULAR DIVISIONS (NEW TYPE). (~~TOP SECRET~~)

a. Beginning in January 1944, the Japanese have reorganized the following divisions, materially reducing them in strength:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Location at time of Reorganization</u>
1st	MANCHURIA
7th*	HOKKAIDO
8th	MANCHURIA
9th*	MANCHURIA
10th	MANCHURIA
11th*	MANCHURIA
12th	MANCHURIA
16th	PHILIPPINES
19th	KOREA
23rd	MANCHURIA
24th	MANCHURIA
25th*	MANCHURIA
30th	KOREA
47th*	HONSHU
53rd	BURMA
54th	BURMA
71st*	MANCHURIA

The reorganization was accomplished, in most cases, by the transfer of elements of the divisions to form cadres for expeditionary units, independent mixed brigades, or even new divisions.

b. Although most of the divisions listed above which had infantry and artillery group Hqs dropped them as part of their reorganization, the principal change has been the triangularization of the infantry battalions and the dropping of a battalion from most of those artillery regiments which had four battalions. These changes, together with

\* Although carried as a Triangular Division (new type), evidence of the reorganization of all of its components is not available.

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reductions in the strength of some other components of the divisions, have brought the strength of most of them down to approximately 15,000.

c. The 23rd Div, which transferred elements to form the nucleus of the 119th Div, offers perhaps the best example of the way in which the reorganization was effected. The Division dropped the following units:

Inf Gp Hq

One Inf Bn (less one Co)  
from each Inf Regt

One Arty Bn

The Division was then reorganized with only three rifle companies in each of its nine infantry battalions. To replace the infantry battalion which had been dropped from each infantry regiment, a new third battalion was organized by using the one rifle company left behind when the battalion was transferred, and a rifle company drawn from each of the other two battalions in the regiment.

d. The 12th Div was reorganized along the same lines as the 23rd Div, and the same is believed to be true of the 47th Div. The 54th Div after its reorganization was substantially identical with the 23rd Div. The 7th Div is known to have dropped one company from each of its infantry battalions, thus achieving the same triangularization of the battalions in a different way--but whether the Division was reorganized completely on the pattern of the 23rd Div is not definitely known.

e. It is likely that the original plan of reorganization was designed to produce divisions approximating the "Specially Established C Division" outlined in the 1944 Japanese Army Mobilization Plan. However, most of the divisions listed in par a seem, instead, to have followed the organizational pattern of the 23rd Div. It is possible that all triangular divisions recently activated, or those to be activated, may also be of this new type and that existing triangular divisions, other than Guards divisions and those operating in areas under the Southern Army, may be reorganized along similar lines.

f. The attached chart gives the estimated organization and equipment of this new type of division and its infantry regiments. Although the reorganized divisions all conform to the same general pattern, there are certain differences among them. The information contained in the following chart represents the apparent standard for divisions of this type. Major deviations in particular divisions are noted.

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		Inf Regts					
	Div	One	Total	Div	Ren	F. A.	Engr
	Hq	Inf	Three	Sig	Regt	Regt	Regt
	(a)	(b)	Inf Regts	Unit	(c)	(d)	(e)
Commissioned	45	95	285	8	24	90	25
Enlisted	195	2,755	8,265	232	416	2,270	875
Aggregate	240	2,850	8,550	240	440	2,360	900
Rifles	126	1,570	4,710	210	340	153	800
GDs		84	252		12		
LMGs	2	81	243		12	4	3
HMGs	2	24	72		4		
37 mm AT Guns (i)		4	12		2		
70 mm Bn Hows		6(j)	18				
75 mm Regtl Guns		4	12				
75 mm Fld Guns						24	
105 mm Hows						12	
Lt Tanks/Armd Cars					16		
Trucks	23	11	33		34	27	10
Other Motor Vehicles	7				1	1	2
Horses		409	1,227	44		1,670	119

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Trans- port Regt (f)	Ord Duty Unit	Medi- cal Unit (g)	Field Hosps (g)		Vet Hosp	Water Supply and Purif Unit	Aggregate (h)
			One	Total Three			
23	2	37	22	66	4	10	619
<u>727</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>654</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>14,601</u>
750	80	700	240	720	50	190	15,220
293	17	17	47	141	9	51	6,867
							264
9							273
							78
							14
							18
							12
							24
							12
							16
76	4		21	63	2	20	292
1	2		1	3		1	18
296		100			10		3,466

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NOTES:

(a) Strength of Division Hq may be as high as 350 in some divisions.

(b) Each infantry regiment consists of: Hq (98), three infantry battalions (808 ea), a signal company (133), an infantry gun company (123) and an antitank gun company (72). Each infantry battalion includes: Hq (104), three rifle companies (180 ea), machine gun company (120) and infantry gun platoon (44).

The 8th and 10th Divs have a labor unit in each of their infantry regiments, but it is believed that personnel for the labor unit is drawn from other units in the regiment.

(c) The reconnaissance regiment includes a Hq (57), two motorized companies (129 ea), two armored car (tank) companies (38 ea) and a signal platoon (49). However, in the 1st, 8th, 10th and 12th Divs the strength of the reconnaissance regiment and the number of its tanks seem to exceed the normal T/O and T/E, probably as a result of the absorption of part of the division tank unit and/or part of an independent tank company. The 1st Div may have had as many as 20 light tanks, and the 8th, 10th and 12th Divs have 12 of them. Some divisions have reconnaissance regiments with strengths as high as 600.

(d) The field artillery regiment normally consists of a Hq (160), an ammunition train (166) and either three 75 mm gun battalions (678 men and 12 guns ea) or two 75 mm gun battalions and one 105 mm howitzer battalion (678 men and 12 howitzers). The 8th, 10th and 12th Divs are known to have retained their 105 mm howitzer battalions. Other alternative combinations are listed in Note (h). Although this three-battalion regiment is the norm for the new type divisions, the 1st Div had an artillery regiment of four battalions, while the 23rd Div had one of only two battalions (one with 105 mm and one with 150 mm howitzers), with an independent field artillery battalion attached to the Division.

(e) The engineer regiment ordinarily includes a Hq (125), three companies (235 ea) and a materials platoon (70). However, the 8th, 10th and 12th Divs have engineer regiments of only two companies, with a regimental strength of approximately 600.

(f) The transport regiment consists of a Hq (60), two motor transport companies (145 ea) and a draft company (400).

(g) The strength of the medical unit varies, depending on the number of field hospitals in the division. The 23rd and 54th Divs have three field hospitals and a medical unit of 700 men (as shown in the chart). The 1st, 8th and 10th Divs have two field hospitals and a medical unit numbering 500 men. The 30th Div has four field hospitals and a medical unit of 700 men. The 12th Div has a division field hospital

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with a strength of 850 which combines the functions of the ordinary field hospitals and of the medical unit.

(h) The aggregate strength of new type triangular divisions will vary, depending upon a particular division's components. If a division includes any of the alternative units listed below in place of the normal units shown in the chart, the division's strength will be changed as shown in the "Strength" column below.

<u>Alternative Unit</u>	<u>Resulting Division Strength</u>
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Cav Regt (950 men) in place of Rcn Regt	15,730
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Mt Arty Regt (3,500 men and 36x75 mm mountain guns) in place of FA Regt	16,360
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Cav Regt and Mt Arty Regt in place of Rcn Regt and FA Regt	16,870
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Following variants in composition of FA Regt:

One 75 mm Gun Bn, one 105 mm How Bn and one 150 mm How Bn (900 men and 12 howitzers)	15,440
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One 150 mm How Bn and either one 75 mm Gun Bn or one 105 mm How Bn	14,760
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Decon Unit (90 men) in addition to normal components (as in 1st, 8th, 10th and 12th Divs)	15,310
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(i) May be 47 mm antitank guns.

(j) The infantry battalions may have battalion howitzers and/or infantry mortars.

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## 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE 19TH DIVISION.

### a. History.

The 19th Div was originally stationed at RANAN, KOREA. It is believed to have been organized then as a strengthened triangular division with a T/O strength of approximately 24,000, including an Infantry Group Hq and an Artillery Group Hq.

In January 1944 a reorganization of the Division was begun. In February 1944, the following units were transferred to form the 8th Expeditionary Unit:

3rd Bn, 73rd Inf Regt  
3rd Bn, 75th Inf Regt  
3rd Bn, 76th Inf Regt  
3rd Bn, 25th Mt Arty Regt  
3rd Co, 19th Engr Regt

The 8th Expeditionary Unit moved to TRUK, where it was absorbed in the formation of the 51st Ind Mixed Brig.

The reorganization of the 19th Div continued throughout the spring of 1944, resulting in the transformation of the Division into a triangular division (new type) (see Section 1).

In November 1944, an advance party of the Division left RANAN for the PHILIPPINES. The main body of the Division embarked at FUSAN early in December and moved, via MOJI, to LUZON, landing late in the month. A much smaller second echelon left shortly after the main body and arrived in LUZON in January 1945. The Division was located in the LINGAYEN GULF area and suffered fairly heavy casualties there. In February it was withdrawn from the line and regrouped in N LUZON. Only minor elements are believed to be actively engaged at the present time.

### b. Composition and T/O Strength.

The composition and estimated T/O strength of the 19th Div are as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>T/O Strength</u>
Hq	240
19th Inf Gp Hq ? (a)	---
73rd Inf Regt (b)	2,850
75th Inf Regt (b)	2,850
76th Inf Regt (b)	2,850
19th Ren Regt (c)	440

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>T/O Strength</u>
19th Arty Gp Hq ? (d)	---
25th Mt Arty Regt (c)	3,500 ?
19th Engr Regt (c)	900
19th Div Sig Unit	240
19th Transport Regt (c)	750
19th Div Ord Duty Unit	80
19th Div Decon Unit (e)	90
19th Div Medical Unit	700
19th Div No. 1 Fld Hosp (f)	250
No. 2 Fld Hosp (f)	250
No. 3 Fld Hosp (f)	---
No. 4 Fld Hosp (f)	250
19th Div Water Supply and Purif Dept	200
19th Div Vet Hosp (not yet identified)	60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>16,500</u></b>

NOTES:

(a) The commanding general of the 19th Inf Gp was relieved of his post in January 1944 and no successor has been named. There has been no subsequent reference to the Infantry Group Hq and no officers are known to be assigned to it. It is therefore believed no longer to be a component of the Division.

(b) The Division's infantry regiments have been reorganized along the same lines as those of the 1st, 8th, 10th, 12th and 23rd Divs and other triangular divisions (new type) (see Section 1). When a battalion was taken from each infantry regiment to form the 8th Expeditionary Unit, a new battalion was organized by using the 4th Rifle Co and other elements from each of the two remaining battalions.

(c) It is not definitely known that the reconnaissance, artillery, engineer and transport regiments were reorganized, or if they were, what form the reorganization took. However, since (1) elements of the Division were transferred to form the 8th Expeditionary Unit, (2) its infantry regiments were reorganized, and (3) the Division moved from KOREA with a low operational strength (see par c.), it can be assumed that the above regiments were also reorganized in a manner

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similar to that outlined in Section 1.

The T/O strengths given for the engineer regiment and the transport regiment are based on the assumptions that:

- (1) the engineer regiment includes three companies and
- (2) the transport regiment includes two motor transport companies and one draft company.

(d) The Artillery Group Hq has not been mentioned since the 1942 Army List. It was probably dropped from the Division at about the same time as the Infantry Group Hq.

(e) An officer is known to have been assigned to the 19th Div Decon Unit in January 1944, and although there has been no further mention of the unit, it is probably still in the Division.

(f) Little is known about the Division's field hospitals. Four have been identified, but by analogy to a majority of triangular divisions (new type) it is believed that the 19th Div now includes only three, and that the one dropped was probably No. 3.

c. Operational Strength.

Available evidence indicates that the main body of the 19th Div, which moved to LUZON via MOJI in December 1944, consisted of approximately 12,500 men. The second echelon, which made the move a little later, included some 2,850 men. The 19th Div can therefore be regarded as having had an operational strength of approximately 15,000 when it left KOREA, although it is not certain that all the troops reached LUZON.

3. INDEPENDENT MACHINE GUN BATTALIONS.

a. History. Independent machine gun battalions represent a comparatively new type of unit in the Japanese Army, and information concerning their history is limited. On the basis of the fragmentary evidence available, it is believed that most of the battalions were organized in mid-1944 and were moved from JAPAN shortly thereafter. The 2nd Ind MG Bn, for example, is believed to have been organized in June 1944 and moved to IWO JIMA in July. The 3rd and 13th Ind MG Bns were apparently organized in September and July 1944, respectively. The 25th and 26th Ind MG Bns arrived in the PHILIPPINES in October 1944.

It is believed that upon arrival at their overseas destinations, the independent machine gun battalions were placed under the control of the area army or army in their respective theaters, to be employed as the situation might dictate. Thus, all the battalions on LUZON were originally under the command of the Fourteenth Area Army, but later the 11th and 25th were attached to the 105th Div and the 26th to the 103rd Div. The 3rd, 4th and 14th Ind MG Bns have been identified under the command of the Thirty-second Army in the RYUKYUS.

b. Organization. On the basis of information concern-



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ing the organization of the 1st, 2nd and 11th Ind MG Bns, the following table of organization and equipment for independent machine gun battalions has been determined:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Armament</u>
Total Bn	335	100 rifles 24 7.7 mm HMGs
Hq	23	
Three Cos (104 ea)	312	8 7.7 mm HMGs ea
Comd Sec	24	
Four Plats (20 ea)	80	2 7.7 mm HMGs ea

c. Identified Units. The following independent machine gun battalions have been identified:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Location</u>
(1st)	7837	Rendered ineffective on IWO JIMA
(2nd)	7838	Rendered ineffective on IWO JIMA
3rd		RYUKYUS
4th		RYUKYUS?
6th		S KURILES?
9th	7357	E CHINA
10th	7358	CENTRAL and S CHINA
11th	17650	LUZON
12th	17651	LUZON
13th	17652	LUZON
14th		RYUKYUS
15th		ASAHIGAWA?
18th		MIYAKO JIMA
19th	3323	YAEYAMA RETTO?
20th	3324	BORNEO
22nd		LABUAN
23rd		N KURILES?
24th	14202	FORMOSA
25th		LUZON
26th		LUZON

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A. MINOR UNITS

The following is the weekly list of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (all dates are 1944 unless otherwise specified).

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
18th Ind MG Bn	MIYAKOJIMA (RYUKYUS)	January (1945)	
22nd Ind MG Bn	BORNEO	November	
2nd Arty Comd	JAPAN	April (1943)	
25th Ind FA Bn	Seventh Area Army Area	November	
60th Ind Mt Arty Bn	Dropped		Formerly carried: BURMA (5/43).
2nd Medium Arty Regt	PAMIENTUNG (MUTANCHIANG PROV)	1944?	
13th Medium Arty Regt	MANCHURIA	August	
19th Medium Arty Regt	JAPAN	April (1943)	
30th Ind Hv Arty Bn	JAPAN	April (1943)	
3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Balloon Cos	JAPAN	April (1943)	
12th Mortar Bn	MUTANCHIANG (MANCHURIA)	April	
1st Ind Mortar Co	Dropped		Unit rendered ineffec- tive on IWOJIMA. Formerly carried: E JAPAN (8/44).
111th AAA Regt	TOKYO area	August	
114th AAA Regt	TOKYO?	September	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
10th Ind AAA Bn	PHILIPPINES	November	
24th Ind Fl'd AAA Co	JAPAN	April (1943)	
2nd Machine Cn Bn	C JAPAN	May	
5th Sp Machine Cn Unit	CELEBES	February (1945)	
6th Sp Machine Cn Unit	CELEBES	December	
43rd Sp Machine Cn Unit	Dropped	March (1945)	Rendered ineffective on IWOJIMA. Formerly carried: BONINS
2nd, 3rd, AA Def Balloon Units	JAPAN	April (1943)	
3rd Ind Antitank Bn	OKINAWA	December	
27th Ind Anti-tank Bn	LUZON	December	
5th Ind Antitank Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: MALAYA (11/41)?
18th Sig Regt	MANCHURIA	March	
86th Ind Sig Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: Unlocated
120th Ind Wire Co	LUZON	December	
86th Ind Radio Plat	MENADO (CELEBES)	February (1945)	
89th Ind Radio Plat	AMBON area	July	
122nd Ind Radio Plat	PHILIPPINES	November	
123rd Ind Radio Plat	Unlocated	November	
125th Ind Radio Plat	Unlocated	November	
126th Ind Radio Plat	PHILIPPINES?	November	
68th Land Duty Co	SAIGON	February (1945)	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
14th Fixed Radio Unit	Dropped		Formerly carried: PHILIPPINES (2/44).
13th Fld Trans- port Comd	HANKOW area ✓	November	
15th Fld Trans- port Comd	SUMATRA	January (1945)	
55th Ind Trans- port Bn	C-S CHINA ✓	August	
19th Ind Trans- port Co	S CHINA ✓	August	
24th Motor Trans- port Regt	C-S CHINA ✓	October	
37th Motor Trans- port Regt	HENGYANG ✓	January (1945)	
40th, 41st Ind Motor Trans- port Bns	JAPAN 1288-002 1248-000	April (1943)	
69th Ind Motor Transport Bn	C-S CHINA ✓	November	
313th Ind Motor Transport Co	C-S CHINA ✓	October	
240th, 245th Ind Motor Transport Cos	JAPAN	April (1943)	
259th Ind Motor Transport Co	KYUKYUS	August	
315th Ind Motor Transport Co	C-S CHINA ✓	June	
6th Temporary Motor Trans- port Unit	SE ASIA	December	
15th Sp Motor Transport Bn	SUMATRA	January (1945)	
15th Tractor Co	JAPAN 1288-002 1248-000	April (1943)	
86th L/C Hosp	Unlocated		
141st L/C Hosp	LUZON	December	
1st, 2nd Fort- ress Cons Duty Co	JAPAN	April (1943)	
5th Fortress Cons Duty Unit	Dropped		Rendered ineffective IWOJIMA.

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
6th Fortress Cons Duty Unit	OKINAWA	January (1945)	
1st Sp Gar Bn	TOKYO area?	April	
229th Sp Gar Co	SHIKOKU?	November	

B. CODE NUMBERS

The following is the weekly list of code numbers identified on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Code Number</u>
94th Div	Iretsu (CTC 1218, 3525)	
94th Engr Regt		18506
81st Div	Nō/Osamu (CTC 8747)	
81st Engr Regt		2882?
49th Div	Rō/Ōkami (CTC 3708)	
49th Cav Regt		18705
49th Div Sig Unit		18708
49th Div Ord Duty Unit		18710
49th Div Med Unit		18711
1st Fld Hosp		18712
2nd Fld Hosp		18713
4th Fld Hosp		18714
49th Div Vet Hosp		18715
49th Div Water Supply and Purif Dept		18716
10th Ind Inf Brig	Katama/Kō/ Katashi (CTC 0942)	
227th Ind Inf Bn		6794?
228th Ind Inf Bn		6795?
229th Ind Inf Bn		7083?
230th Ind Inf Bn		6459?

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A. SUMMARY.

1. KYUSHU--Presence of the u/1 army Hq in KYUSHU confirmed. 3rd Amph Brig moving to S KYUSHU. (B.2.)
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8. Study of Medium Mortar Battalions. (Inclosure No. 5)

B. IDENTIFICATIONS, STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS.

1. FIRST GENERAL ARMY (Hq TOKYO).  
No changes.
2. SECOND GENERAL ARMY (Hq HIROSHIMA).

a. SIXTEENTH AREA ARMY.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: The possible presence of an Army Hq at TAKARABE (just W of MIYAKONOJO) in S KYUSHU reported in Bulletin 63 has been confirmed. Its designation is unknown.

(3) New locations and movements: New evidence reveals that an advance party of the 3rd Amph Brig has arrived in the KAGOSHIMA BAY area (S KYUSHU) and that the Brigade will probably assemble in that area. Pending information concerning the arrival and disposition of the

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rest of the Brigade, it will continue to be carried in transit.

3. FIFTH AREA ARMY (Hq SAPPORO).

a. Strength estimate: 115,000, increased from 114,000. Army and Navy Air ground is increased to 10,000 from 9,000 by reassessment.

b. No other changes.

4. TENTH AREA ARMY (Hq TAIHOKU).

a. RYUKYUS.

(1) Strength estimate: 118,000, reduced from 125,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 95,000 from 102,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) No other changes.

b. FORMOSA.

(1) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements: The identification of the independent mixed brigade in the PESCADORES as the 75th (see Bulletin 61) is confirmed by new evidence. As a result, the identification of the independent mixed brigade in FORMOSA, tentatively in the KEELUNG area, as the 76th (see Bulletins 59 and 62) is also confirmed.

5. SEVENTEENTH AREA ARMY (Hq KEIJO).

a. Strength estimate: 224,000, increased from 220,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is increased to 15,000 from 11,000 by reassessment.

b. No other changes.

6. OGASAWARA FORCE (Hq CHICHIJIMA).

No changes.

7. THIRTY-FIRST ARMY (Hq TRUK).

No changes.

8. KWANTUNG ARMY (Hq HSINKING).

a. Strength estimate: 686,000, increased from 654,000. Army ground strength is increased to 656,000 from 624,000 to reflect the identification of two new divisions, the 121st and 123rd, reported as a late development in Bulletin 64.

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b. No other changes.

9. CHINA EXPEDITIONARY ARMY (Hq NANKING).

a. General: As a result of the identification of an area army in CANTON and the subordination of the Eleventh Army to that army rather than to the Sixth Area Army (Hq HANKOW), the estimate of the Japanese command structure in CHINA has been revised. Although little information is available, estimated areas have been established for purposes of reporting strengths and dispositions of units. The areas are as follows:

Area	Commanding Army	Remarks
N CHINA	N China Expeditionary Army (Hq PEIPING)	Area unchanged.
E CHINA	Thirteenth Army (Hq SHANGHAI)	Area unchanged.
CENTRAL CHINA	Sixth Area Army (Hq HANKOW)	The area consists of that portion of the former CENTRAL and S CHINA area which is north of the 26° parallel.
S CHINA	Twenty-third (?) Area Army (Hq CANTON)	The area consists of that portion of the former CENTRAL and S CHINA area which is south of the 26° parallel.

The boundaries of the areas may not correspond exactly with the areas under the jurisdiction of the respective armies, but the above divisions have been adopted until further information is available. Beginning with this issue, information concerning CHINA will be discussed in the Bulletin under the four sub-headings listed above.

b. E CHINA.

(1) Strength estimate: 157,000, increased from 156,000. Army ground strength is increased to 133,000 from 132,000 to allow for reinforcements believed to have arrived at FOOCHOW in February and March 1945.

(2) New identifications: none.

(3) New locations and movements:

(a) The 70th Div, heretofore carried at HANGCHOW, has been identified in the KASHING-SHANGHAI area.

(b) The 62nd Ind Mixed Brig, formerly located at FOOCHOW, is now carried unlocated in E CHINA.

c. S CHINA.

(1) General: There have been a number of indications that the Japanese are withdrawing at least some

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of their forces to the north from S CHINA. The 34th Div appears still to be at CHUANHSIEN but the locations of the other three divisions are not verified by recent evidence and there are some indications that two, the 3rd and 13th, may be moving to the north. All four divisions will be carried in S CHINA until more definite evidence of a new location is received.

(2) Strength estimate: unchanged.

(3) New identifications: An independent mixed regiment, tentatively identified as the 31st, has been located in the AMOY area. Strength is not increased since the estimate for the AMOY area included an allowance for unidentified units.

(4) No other changes.

10. SOUTHERN ARMY (Hq SAIGON).

a. LUZON.

(1) Strength estimate: 42,000, reduced from 45,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 31,000 from 34,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) No other changes.

b. CENTRAL AND S PHILIPPINES.

(1) Strength estimate: 49,000, reduced from 50,000. Army and Navy Air ground strength is decreased to 16,000 from 17,000 to reflect reported casualties.

(2) No other changes.

c. E NEW GUINEA.

(1) Strength estimate: 15,000, reduced from 20,000. Army ground strength is decreased to 13,000 from 18,000 to reflect casualties and estimated attrition.

(2) No other changes.

11. EIGHTH AREA ARMY (Hq RABAU).

No changes.

C. SPECIAL ARTICLES.

1. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPANESE ARMY SHIPPING ORGANIZATION IN THE EMPIRE\*

a. The organization and scale of activity of the

\*For the purpose of this study, the term "EMPIRE" includes the home islands of JAPAN, the KURILES, KARAFUTO, MANCHURIA and KOREA. The RYUKYUS and FORMOSA are excluded.

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Army Shipping Organization have generally paralleled the activities of the Japanese Army. Both the number of shipping units and the type of organization have in general corresponded to the type of Army activity and wherever the scale of Army activities and the degree of Army control have increased in a particular area, the change has been reflected by an expansion of the Shipping Organization in the area.

b. The extent of the Army Shipping Organization's control within the EMPIRE prior to 1945 is not known but there is some reason to believe that it was not widespread. Branches and sub-branches of Shipping Transport Commands (Hqshhandling administrative matters in connection with shipping) were identified at only a few ports of the Home Islands which were the principal points from which Army materiel and personnel were shipped. It is believed that principal control of the operations of most ports in the EMPIRE and N CHINA was vested in a civilian agency.

c. Since the beginning of 1945 new identifications and changes in designations of the components of the Shipping Organization have reflected the intensification of military activity in the EMPIRE. Branches or sub-branches of Shipping Transport Commands have been identified in 1945 in many of the ports in the EMPIRE which, it is believed, were formerly under civilian control. There is also some evidence that several ports at which no branch or sub-branch of the Shipping Transport Command has been identified have now been placed under the supervision of a Shipping Transport Command. The new branches and sub-branches and the ports referred to above are as follows:

<u>Branches and sub-branches of 1st Shipping Transport Comd*</u>		<u>Ports under supervision of 1st Shipping Transport Comd</u>
Fuji Br (HONSHU)	Nanao Sub-Br (HONSHU)	CHINNAMPO? (KOREA)
Funakawa Sub-Br (HONSHU)	Niishima Sub-Br (IZUS)	FURUPIRA (HOKKAIDO)
Fushiki Sub-Br (HONSHU)	Oshima Sub-Br (IZUS)	IIDA (HONSHU)
Genzan Sub-Br (KOREA)	Resui Sub-Br (KOREA)	KATAKAMI (HONSHU)
Hachijo Sub-Br (IZUS)	Sakai Sub-Br (HONSHU)	JINSEN? (KOREA)
Karatsu Sub-Br (KYUSHU)	Sakata Sub-Br (HONSHU)	JOSHIN (KOREA)
Maizuru Sub-Br (HONSHU)	Seikan Sub-Br (KOREA)	KENJI HO (KOREA)

\*Has jurisdiction over JAPAN (less HOKKAIDO), KOREA and MANCHURIA.

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Branches and sub-branches of 1st  
Shipping Transport Comd

Masan Sub-Br (KOREA)	Seishin Sub-Br (KOREA)
Minoshima Sub-Br (HONSHU)	Senseki Sub-Br (HONSHU)
Misumi Sub-Br (KYUSHU)	Shimoda Sub-Br (HONSHU)
Miyazu Sub-Br (HONSHU)	Shimonoseki Sub-Br (HONSHU)
Moppo Sub-Br (KOREA)	Tsuchizaki Sub-Br (HONSHU)

Ports under supervision  
of 1st Shipping  
Transport Comd

KURUME? (KYUSHU)
PULANTIEN (MANCHURIA)
SAKAIDE (SHIKOKU)
TAKAMATSU (SHIKOKU)
TSUKUMI (HONSHU)

Branches and sub-branches of 5th  
Shipping Transport Comd\*

Abashiri Br (HOKKAIDO)	Mombetsu Br (HOKKAIDO)
Hakodate Br (HOKKAIDO)	Aomori Sub-Br/ (HONSHU)
Kushiro Br (HOKKAIDO)	Maoka Sub-Br (KARAFUTO)

Ports under supervision  
of 5th Shipping  
Transport Comd

RUMOI (HOKKAIDO)
HONTO (KARAFUTO)

d. The names of several Shipping Transport Commands have been changed from the names of the specific cities in which the branches are located to area designations. For example, the Fusan Branch of the 1st Shipping Transport Comd has been redesignated the S Korea Branch of the 1st Shipping Transport Comd. The redesignation of the branches, which suggests that they have been given an increased sphere of authority, may be another indication of the expanding control of the Army Shipping Organization in the EMPIRE. Other examples of the redesignations are as follows:

\* Has jurisdiction in HOKKAIDO and KARAFUTO.

/ Believed to be sub-branch of Hakodate Br of 5th Shipping Transport Comd. No other branch or sub-branch of that Command has been identified on HONSHU.

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<u>Former Name</u>	<u>Redesignation</u>	<u>Shipping Transport Command</u>
Kagoshima Br	S Kyushu Br	1st
Moji Br	N Kyushu Br	1st
Rashin Br	N Korea Br	1st
Tsuruga Br	Sanin Br#	1st
Niigata Br	Hokuriku Br#	1st
Otomari Br	Karafuto Br	5th

e. One, and probably two, new Field Shipping Depots (depots which have been used principally for the maintenance of small boats and barge operating units in forward areas), have been identified on HONSHU in 1945. The two Depots are the 9th, probably at NIIGATA, and the 12th, at TOKYO. There are some indications that a third, the 11th, may also be in the EMPIRE. Prior to 1945 all Field Shipping Depots, except the 4th, were located in forward areas such as RABAU, HALMAHERA and SINGAPORE. The 4th Field Shipping Depot was formerly at AMBON but moved to OTARU in January 1944 and established branches in the KURILES. Shortly after January 1944 the Japanese began to reinforce the KURILES very heavily and placed the KURILES and N JAPAN on a tactical footing.

f. The 13th Shipping Gp Hq (a Hq which commands barge operating units) has been identified at TOKYO. The Hq formerly was located in NW NEW GUINEA. Prior to the identification of this Hq at TOKYO, all Shipping Gp Hqs, except the 3rd, had been located in forward areas. The 3rd is in HOKKAIDO and commands barge operating units there and in the KURILES.

g. Shipping Engineer Regiments and Sea Transport Battalions have been used by the Japanese primarily for short haul transportation by small boats in forward areas where concealment is an important factor. Prior to 1945 only two Shipping Engineer Regiments, the 6th and 27th, had been identified as operating in the EMPIRE. The two Regiments were stationed in HOKKAIDO and the KURILES. Since 1945 the following four Regiments have been identified in the EMPIRE:

31st	KAGOSHIMA (KYUSHU)
42nd	Probably in JAPAN
43rd	YOICHI (HOKKAIDO)
47th	Unlocated in JAPAN

#Sanin and Hokuriku are names of areas along the SW and NW coast of HONSHU, respectively.

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The 6th Shipping Transport Bn at NEMURO is the only Battalion identified as operating in the EMPIRE prior to 1945. Four Battalions, the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, have been identified in the EMPIRE since January 1945. The substantial increase in the number of Shipping Engineer Regiments and Sea Transport Battalions since the end of 1944 indicates that the Japanese are preparing for large scale transportation by means of small boats. Such a move will provide a substitute, in part at least, for rail and large ship transportation, which will be increasingly affected by air attacks.

## 2. POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF ROCKET GUN UNITS IN THE JAPANESE ARMY.

Evidence now available indicates that an increase in the number and types of rocket gun (Funshinbo) units in the Japanese Army may have taken place or may be contemplated. As reported previously (Bulletin 62), the only rocket gun units so far identified are the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Rocket Gun Bns and an unidentified rocket gun company which was destroyed on IWO JIMA.

A document recently captured on LUZON bears the name of an officer of the 3rd Rocket Gun Bn and lists the military symbols to be used on maps to represent the following rocket gun units:

Rocket gun unit (general)	Light rocket gun unit
Rocket gun force	Medium rocket gun unit
Rocket gun regimental Hq	Heavy rocket gun unit
Rocket gun battalion Hq	Rocket gun unit supply train

The fact that the Japanese are disseminating instructions as to symbols for rocket gun units of several kinds not yet identified may indicate that they have activated, or plan to activate, rocket gun units of all the types for which symbols have been provided. Some months ago a similar document was captured giving map symbols for various raiding (Teishin) organizations, including several types not theretofore identified (Bulletin 47). Most of the types of raiding units listed have now been identified.

## D. CODE NAMES.

The following is the weekly list of code names identified on an ULTRA level:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code Name</u>
u/1 Army at TAKARABE (KIUSHU)	Hoko/Hō (OTC 6912)
75th Ind Mixed Brig	Okosu/Kō/Okī (OTC 5281)
76th Ind Mixed Brig	Ritsū (OTC 1774)

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code Name</u>
105th Ind Mixed Brig	Kanjō ? (CTC 1626 1004)

E. SUPPLEMENTS.

1. Chart showing dispositions and strengths of the Japanese ground forces--Inclosure No. 1.
2. Map showing estimated strengths of Japanese ground forces--Inclosure No. 2.
3. Supplement to Order of Battle Review in KYUSHU--Inclosure No. 3.
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5. Study of Medium Mortar Battalions--Inclosure No. 5.
6. List of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL--Inclosure No. 6.

F. IMPORTANT LATE DEVELOPMENTS. (Appropriate changes will be made in next week's Chart, Inclosure No. 1)

1. The Sixth Army, formerly carried at HAILAR, MANCHURIA, has moved to CHINA. It is being picked up in the SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW area. Only one army, the Thirteenth, has been previously carried in E CHINA. The presence of the Sixth Army in E CHINA suggests that the command structure in that area has been revised and that either the Thirteenth Army has been converted into an area army, as in the case of the Twenty-third Army at CANTON, or a new area army has been established in E CHINA to command the two numbered armies there.
2. Evidence just available indicates that the unidentified army carried at TAKARABE (see par B.2.a. above) is designated the Fifty-seventh and it will be tentatively carried as such.
3. The expansion of the jurisdiction of the Seventh Area Army (Hq SINGAPORE) to include BORNEO was reported in Bulletin 63. The LESSER SUNDAS, which have been the operational area of the 48th Div and subordinated to the Second Area Army at PINRANG, are scheduled to be placed under the Seventh Area Army on 5 June. The 48th Div will become subordinate directly to the Seventh Area Army.

G. SECURITY.

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Major Command		Area	Arrives	Triangular	Rectangular	Brigaded	Total	Armored	Depot	IDB	IDB	Armored	Depot	Brigades	Brigades	Estimated Army and Air Ground	Estimated Army and Air Ground	TOTAL	Remarks	Remarks	
First Army		11 AA	11 AA: 27 A	72			One		2,37	67				22		90,000	14,000	10,000	114,000		
Second Army		12 AA	12 AA: 36 A	18,300,81			Three		5,084					2	16,18	240,000	110,000	45,000	395,000		
Third Army		13 AA	13 AA: 731,931				Two		3,32							130,000	38,000	7,000	175,000		
Fourth Army		14 AA	14 AA: 75 A	44,84			Two		4,25					19		200,000	55,000	15,000	300,000		
Fifth Army		15 AA	15 AA: 75 A	57,86			Two		6,56					18		128,000	59,000	25,000	246,000		3 Amph Brig moving to 8 Kyushu; 25 Div possibly moved or moving to 8 Kyushu
Sixth Army		16 AA	16 AA: 75 A	7,77,891			Three		7							95,000	10,000	10,000	115,000		
Seventh Army		17 AA	17 AA: 75 A				Two		43,69					11		75,000	3,000	12,000	90,000		89 Div tentatively located in Khabarovsk - 3 Khabarovsk area
Eighth Army		18 AA	18 AA: 75 A				Three		13,57							19,000	2,000	2,000	23,000		
Ninth Army		19 AA	19 AA: 75 A				Three		13,57							95,000	5,000	18,000	118,000		
Tenth Army		20 AA	20 AA: 75 A	9,12,50,66,71			Five		1,007					25		128,000	34,000	8,000	170,000		
Eleventh Army		21 AA	21 AA: 75 A	Two w/1			Two		19,20,30					101*		209,000	15,000	6,000	224,000		
Twelfth Army		22 AA	22 AA: 75 A				Two		17					17		13,000	7,000	20,000	20,000		2 Mixed Brig (109 Div) destroyed on two Jims
Thirteenth Army		23 AA	23 AA: 75 A				Two		19,23					11-13		65,000	5,000	30,000	100,000		
Fourteenth Army		24 AA	24 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9					23,24	7		27,000	3,000	666,000		
Fifteenth Army		25 AA	25 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							11,000	2,000	318,000			
Sixteenth Army		26 AA	26 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							17,000	7,000	137,000			
Seventeenth Army		27 AA	27 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							6,000	3,000	219,000		6 1st Amph Brig identified in Central China	
Eighteenth Army		28 AA	28 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							16,000	5,000	232,000		Subordination of 35 Div uncertain;	
Nineteenth Army		29 AA	29 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							11,000	5,000	89,000		Elements of 22 Div in S China	
Twentieth Army		30 AA	30 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							21,000	2,000	27,000			
Twenty-first Army		31 AA	31 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							102,000	7,000	113,000		Elements 2 Div in Burma	
Twenty-second Army		32 AA	32 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							17,000	5,000	94,000		Includes 23,000 troops in Andamans and Nicobars	
Twenty-third Army		33 AA	33 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							60,000	11,000	76,000		Elements of 4 Div in Sumatra	
Twenty-fourth Army		34 AA	34 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	8,000	4,000	39,000		27 and 28 Divs in Java-Sumatra area
Twenty-fifth Army		35 AA	35 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Twenty-sixth Army		36 AA	36 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Twenty-seventh Army		37 AA	37 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Twenty-eighth Army		38 AA	38 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Twenty-ninth Army		39 AA	39 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirtieth Army		40 AA	40 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirty-first Army		41 AA	41 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirty-second Army		42 AA	42 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirty-third Army		43 AA	43 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirty-fourth Army		44 AA	44 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirty-fifth Army		45 AA	45 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirty-sixth Army		46 AA	46 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirty-seventh Army		47 AA	47 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirty-eighth Army		48 AA	48 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Thirty-ninth Army		49 AA	49 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Fortieth Army		50 AA	50 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Forty-first Army		51 AA	51 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Forty-second Army		52 AA	52 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Forty-third Army		53 AA	53 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Forty-fourth Army		54 AA	54 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Forty-fifth Army		55 AA	55 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Forty-sixth Army		56 AA	56 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Forty-seventh Army		57 AA	57 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Forty-eighth Army		58 AA	58 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Forty-ninth Army		59 AA	59 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Fiftieth Army		60 AA	60 AA: 75 A				Two		1,5,11- 7,9							27,000	7,000	5,000	39,000		
Total																3,739,000	579,000	4,669,000		Estimated Army and Navy ground strengths in each area include identified units, plus, in free cases, an allowance for un- identified units.	



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SUPPLEMENT TO KYUSHU ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW\*

(See Map, Annex A)

1. General. Since the Allied invasion of the OKINAWA GP late in March 1945 the Japanese have become increasingly concerned over the defenses of KYUSHU and have reinforced the Island with at least 36,000 additional troops. In S KYUSHU particularly active military preparations have been carried out, and there are strong indications that a general buildup of strength is in progress.

2. N KYUSHU. In April an infantry division from MANCHURIA, the 57th (formerly stationed at SHANSHENFU), moved to N KYUSHU. The Hq of the Division is believed located at SASAGURI.

3. S KYUSHU. Late in March the Japanese ordered the evacuation of civilians from points on the S KYUSHU coast, and since that time an increase in coastal artillery in the area has been reported. The defense preparations have been accompanied by order of battle developments which point to a substantial increase of strength in the area. A new army, whose designation is unknown, has been established at TAKARABE. The 86th Div, formerly carried in the KURUME area (N KYUSHU), now appears to be located in S KYUSHU, with elements at MIYAKONOJO. In addition, there are indications that the 25th Div (Hq at PINGYANG, MANCHURIA) may have moved to KOBAYASHI in April and May but, pending receipt of further evidence, the Division is not carried in KYUSHU. The 3rd Amph Brig, now carried in transit with elements at AOMORI (N HONSHU), is moving to S KYUSHU and will probably be assembled in the KAGOSHIMA BAY area.

4. Civilians Available for Military Service. The mobilization of Okinawan manpower by the Japanese and the stress which the Japanese are placing on the formation of a people's army in the home islands emphasize the increased fighting potential which the Japanese can achieve in a given

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area by mobilizing civilian males and using them as adjuncts to regular troops. On the basis of the limited information available, it is estimated that there are in KYUSHU the following fit civilian males of military age (17-44):

N KYUSHU (FUKUOKA, SAGA,  
NAGASAKI, OITA and  
KUMAMOTO PREFECTURES) 890,000

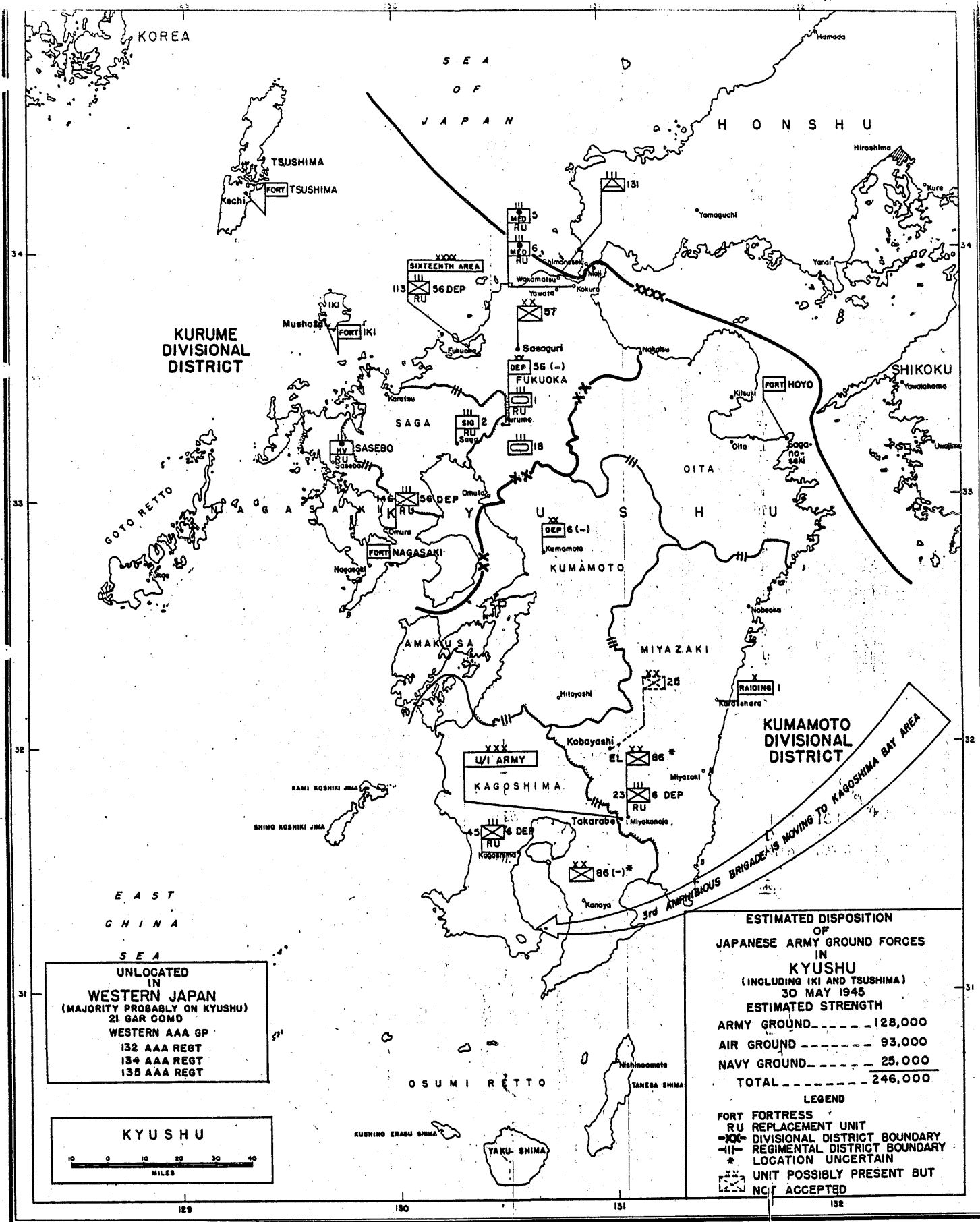
S KYUSHU (MIYAZAKI PREFECTURE  
and KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE,  
exclusive of the RYUKYUS IS  
which are within the Pre-  
fecture) 217,000

TOTAL 1,107,000

5. Annexes. The estimated dispositions and strengths of major Japanese Army ground forces on KYUSHU are shown on the map, Annex A. Changes in the list of identified Army ground units on KYUSHU are set forth in Annex B.

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KYUSHU

The list below reflects changes in the Order of Battle of identified units on KYUSHU which have occurred since 28 Mar. 45, the date of the list of identified units included with the Review of Order of Battle in KYUSHU (Inclosure No. 3 to Bulletin 56).

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION AND DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
u/1 Army	TAKARABE (5/45)	New unit.
57th Div	SASAGURI (5/45)	Formerly at SHANSHENFU, MANCHURIA
86th Div	S KYUSHU ? Elms at MIYAKONOJO ?	Formerly in KURUME area.
21st Gar Comd	KYUSHU ? (1/44)	Not previously carried.
Hoyo Fortress	SAGANOSSEKI (1941)	Formerly carried at KITSUKI.
Iki Fortress	MUSHOZU (1941)	Formerly carried unlocated on IKI IS.
Tsushima Fortress	KECHI (1941)	Formerly carried unlocated on TSUSHIMA.
18th Tank Regt	KURUME area (9/44)	Formerly carried at KURUME.
1st Tank Regt Repl Unit	KURUME (9/44)	New unit.
Kagoshima Bay Harbor Def Arty Unit	KAGOSHIMA (4/45)	New unit.
9th Ind Hv Arty Bn	KYUSHU (4/45)	Formerly in MANCHURIA.
131st AAA Regt	WAKAMATSU (4/45)	Formerly carried unlocated on KYUSHU.
133rd AAA Regt	SHIMONOSEKI (HONSHU) (5/45)	Formerly carried on KYUSHU.
3rd Machine Cn Bn	KOKURA (6/44)	Formerly carried unlocated on KYUSHU.

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION AND DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Kokura Mil Hosp 2nd Class	KOKURA (4/45)	Formerly carried at KIKU.
Nittagahara Mil Hosp 3rd Class	NITTAGAHARA (1942)	Formerly carried as Shindenbaru Mil Hosp 3rd Class.
Moji Br, 1st Ship- ping Transport Comd	MOJI (4/45)	New unit.
South Kyushu Br, 1st Shipping Transport Comd	KAGOSHIMA (4/45)	Formerly Kagoshima Br, 1st Shipping Trans- port Comd.
Karatsu Sub-Br, 1st Shipping Transport Comd	KARATSU (4/45)	New unit.
Moji Br, (Shipping) Repl Comd	MOJI (12/44)	New unit.
2nd Shipping Arty Regt	MOJI (4/45)	New unit.
31st Shipping Engr Regt	KAGOSHIMA (4/45)	New unit.
15th Sea Transport Bn (Elms)	S KYUSHU (4/45)	New unit.

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SUPPLEMENT  
TO  
RYUKYUS ORDER OF BATTLE REVIEW  
(See map, Annex A)

1. General. Since the publication of the RYUKYUS Order of Battle Review, dated 17 Mar 45\*, information, mostly from documents captured on OKINAWA, has confirmed previous suggestions as to the location of major units, and two new major units, the 27th Tank Regt and the 22nd Ind Mixed Regt, have been identified in the area.

2. OKINAWA GROUP. The presence on OKINAWA of the 24th and 62nd Divs, the 44th Ind Mixed Brig, and the 15th Ind Mixed Regt has been confirmed. Major elements of the 27th Tank Regt (indications of whose presence in the RYUKYUS were sent to the field prior to D-day) are located on OKINAWA.

3. AMAMI GROUP. One new major unit, the 22nd Ind Mixed Regt, has been identified in the AMAMI GROUP but it is not known on which island of the AMAMIS this unit is stationed. The location of the 21st Ind Mixed Regt on AMAMI and the presence of the main strength of the 64th Ind Mixed Brig on TOKUNO have been confirmed. On the basis of the above evidence and information from recent aerial photographs, strength in the AMAMIS has been reassessed and is estimated at 24,000.

4. SAKISHIMA GROUP. The location in the SAKISHIMAS of all major units previously carried there has been confirmed. Based on identification of some additional minor units, strength for the SAKISHIMAS has been raised from 37,000 to 45,000.

5. TOKARA GROUP and OSUMI GROUP. Although no units have been identified in the TOKARAS and OSUMIS, it is known that the Japanese have been reinforcing the islands. During April approximately 3,900 troops were moved to the TOKARAS and OSUMIS and approximately 3,700 others were scheduled to go there. Strength has been increased accordingly from 5,000 to 12,000.

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6. DAITO GROUP. No major Order of Battle changes have occurred in the DAITO GROUP and the strength estimate for the Group remains at 8,000.

7. Fortresses. The four fortresses formerly carried in the RYUKYUS have been dropped from Order of Battle. Documents captured on OKINAWA do not include the fortresses in what appear to be complete listings of major units in the RYUKYUS. The CO of the Amami O Shima Fortress became the CO of the 21st Inf Mixed Regt (AMAMI) and there is some evidence that the Amami O Shima Fortress Hv Arty Regt was reorganized into the 6th Hv Arty Regt (AMAMI). The CO of the Nakagusuku Bay Fortress became the CO of the 1st Inf Unit, 44th Inf Mixed Brig (OKINAWA). Absorptions similar to those indicated above may have taken place with respect to the other two fortresses.

8. Strength. Overall RYUKYUS strength, exclusive of the OKINAWA GROUP, is estimated at 89,000. This figure includes no allowance for whatever conscripts the Japanese might mobilize from the native population. On OKINAWA on D-day there were an estimated 41,000 fit native males of military age (17-44). A substantial proportion of this group is believed to have been mobilized immediately before and since the U.S. landing. On the remaining islands of the RYUKYUS an estimated 32,500 fit native males are of military age. The estimated number of such males in each Japanese-controlled island group of the RYUKYUS follows:

OSUMI-TOKARA GROUP	6,000
AMAMI GROUP	17,000
SAKISHIMA GROUP	9,000
DAITO GROUP	500

Although the primary function of mobilized civilians in the OKINAWA campaign has been construction and fortification work, they have been used in the line when the situation required.

9. Possible Use of 3rd Amph Brig in N RYUKYUS. The 3rd Amph Brig, carried in transit with elements tentatively at AOMORI (N HONSHU), is scheduled to go to the S KYUSHU area. Upon the arrival of the Brigade in S KYUSHU the Japanese can use it as a mobile reserve for defense of the N RYUKYUS and the AMAMI GROUP. The Brigade (which has an estimated strength of 5,000) was organized for operations in an island chain and has had training in counter-landings.

10. Annexes. The estimated disposition of Japanese ground forces and distribution of troop strength in the RYUKYUS are shown on the accompanying map, Annex A. A revised list of identified Army ground units in the RYUKYUS, other than the OKINAWA GROUP, is set forth in Annex B.

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# NANSEI ARCHIPELAGO (RUKYU)

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STATUTE MILES

ESTIMATED DISPOSITION of JAPANESE GROUND FORCES 30 MAY 1945	
ESTIMATED STRENGTH	
ARMY GROUND	95,000
AIR GROUND	5,000
NAVY GROUND	18,000
TOTAL	118,000

LEGEND  
BF - BASE FORCE  
GF - GUARD FORCE

UNLOCATED  
[Symbol]

SENTOSHOSHU GROUP  
HOAGINSU I.  
AKAGOSHU I.  
45,000

SAKISHIMA GROUP  
YONAKOKU I.  
IRIMOTE I.  
ISHIGAKI I.  
KURO I.  
HATERUMA I.

IBABU I.  
MIYAKO I.  
28-1  
50  
6  
MIYAKO

XXI  
THIRTY-SECOND  
24  
62  
44  
15  
27  
OKINAWA

OKINAWA GROUP  
KUME I.  
TORI I.  
KAGAMU I.  
KESAMU I.  
OKINAWA I.  
IHYA I.  
SYZENA I.  
US-OCCUPIED AREA  
OKINAWA I.  
OKINAWA I.

UNLOCATED  
[Symbol] 64  
[Symbol] 22

AMAMI GROUP  
TORI I.  
KAKEROMA I.  
YORO I.  
KIKE I.  
TOKUNO I.  
OKIKAI I.

KANIKOE I.  
YOKOATE I.

OKUCHINO I.  
GWALA I.  
TAKA I.  
SUWANOSE I.  
AKUSEKI I.  
KOTOKARABA I.  
TOKARA I.

12,000  
KUSAKAKI I.  
KURO I.  
IWO I.  
TAKA I.  
TANEGA I.  
YAKU I.

KYUSHU  
Kagoshima

8,000  
KITA DATO I.  
MINAMI DATO I.  
36  
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OKINO DATO I.

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ANNEX B  
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RYUKYUS

Estimated Strength and Identified Units  
(Excluding OKINAWA GP)

	<u>Est Army Ground</u>	<u>Est Army and Navy Air Ground</u>	<u>Est Navy Ground</u>	<u>Est Total</u>
OSUMI-TOKARA GP	9,000	1,000	2,000	12,000
AMAMI GP	15,000	2,000	7,000	24,000
AMAMI	(4,700)	(300)	(3,000)	(8,000)
KIKAI	(3,700)	(800)	(2,500)	(7,000)
TOKUNO	(5,800)	(700)	(1,500)	(8,000)
OKINOERABU	(800)	(200)	--	(1,000)
SAKISHIMA GP	38,000	1,000	6,000	45,000
MIYAKO-IRABU	(26,500)	(500)	(3,000)	(30,000)
ISHIGAKI	(6,500)	(500)	(3,000)	(10,000)
IRIOMOTE	(5,000)	--	--	(5,000)
DAITO GP	<u>6,000</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Totals	<u>68,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>89,000</u>

Identified Army Ground Units

<u>Location and Unit</u>	<u>Date Last Identified</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
AMAMI GP		
Elms 64th Ind Mixed Brig	4/45	1,000
71st Land Duty Co	1/45	315
AMAMI		
21st Ind Mixed Regt	7/44	2,700
22nd Ind Mixed Regt	1/45	2,700
6th Hv Arty Regt	8/44	1,100
220th - 222nd Sp Gar Cos (135 ea)	8/44	405

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<u>Location and Unit</u>	<u>Date Last Identified</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
AMAMI (Continued)		
Koniya Sub-Br, 7th Shipping Transport Comd	3/45	25
Koniya Sub-Br, 7th Fld Shipping Depot	3/45	25
TOKUNO		
64th Ind Mixed Brig (less elms in AMAMI GP)	4/45	3,000
Tokuno Sub-Br, 7th Shipping Transport Comd	3/45	25
SAKISHIMA GP		
19th Ind MG Bn	12/44	540
5th Ind Antitank Bn	12/44	475
26th Ind Antitank Co?	8/44	135
284th Ind Motor Transport Co	8/44	160
2nd Mobile Ord Repair Unit	7/44	30
MIYAKO - IRABU		
28th Div (less 36th Inf Regt in DAITO GP)	1/45	13,500
59th Ind Mixed Brig	1/45	3,940
60th Ind Mixed Brig	1/45	3,200
18th Ind MG Bn	1/45	540
131st Ind Radio Plat	4/45	55
Miyako Sub-br, 7th Shipping Transport Comd	3/45	25
23rd Shipping Engr Regt (elms)	7/44	150
4th Suicide Boat Unit (scheduled)	1/45	100
4th Suicide Boat Service Unit	11/44	900
30th Suicide Boat Service Unit	3/45	900
3rd Sea Pursuit Co (scheduled)	8/44	100
Miyako Sub-br, 7th Fld Shipping Depot	3/45	25

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<u>Location and Unit</u>	<u>Date Last Identified</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
<b>ISHIGAKI</b>		
45th Ind Mixed Brig (elms possibly on IRIOMOTE or other adjacent islands)	1/45	3,640
8th Hv Arty Regt	1/45	1,100
Ishigaki Sub-Br, 7th Shipping Transport Comd	3/45	25
<b>IRIOMOTE</b>		
209th, 210th, 226th, 227th Sp Gar Cos (135 ea)	8/44	540
<b>DAITO GP</b>		
36th Inf Regt (28th Div)	1/45	4,000
Daitojima Detachment	1/45	1,000
<b>RYUKYUS UNLOCATED</b>		
3rd Ind MG Bn	12/44	600
27th Tank Regt (less elms on OKINAWA)	8/44	450 ?
1st Medium Arty Regt	11/44	1,620
1st Ind Arty Mortar Regt	3/45	1,665
4th Ind Mortar Co (CENTRAL and S RYUKYUS)	10/44	150
6th Ind Mortar Co (CENTRAL and S RYUKYUS)	3/45	150
7th Ind Mortar Co	10/44	150
8th Ind Mortar Co (CENTRAL and S RYUKYUS)	3/45	150
9th Ind Mortar Co (scheduled)	3/45	150
10th Ind Mortar Co (CENTRAL and S RYUKYUS)	10/44	150
27th Ind AAA Bn	8/44	315
79th and 80th Fld AAA Bns (470 ea)	7/44	940

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<u>Location and Unit</u>	<u>Date Last Identified</u>	<u>Estimated Operational Strength</u>
RYUKYUS UNLOCATED (Continued)		
104th and 105th Machine Cn Bns (340 ea)	7/44	680
47th - 50th Sp Machine Cn Units? (90 ea)	10/44	360
18th Ind Antitank Co	8/44	135
22nd and 23rd Ind Antitank Cos (scheduled) (135 ea)	8/44	270
100th Ind Radio Plat (scheduled)	6/44	54
116th Ind Radio Plat	9/44	54
259th Ind Motor Transport Co	8/44	160
7th and 8th Fortress Cons Duty Cos (200 ea)	3/45	400
9th Flt Well Drilling Co?	10/44	185
19th Flt Ord Depot	11/44	375
49th L/C Sector Unit	1/45	1,575
23rd Shipping Engr Regt (CENTRAL and S RYUKYUS, less elms OKINAWA, MIYAKO)	11/44	780 ?
15th Sea Transport Bn (less elms KYUSHU, OKINAWA)	3/45	565

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MEDIUM MORTAR BATTALIONS

1. History. Medium mortar battalions are independent units organized to provide support for the infantry by increasing fire power and laying down smoke screens. A battalion will normally fall under the direct control of an army or area army commander, to be employed as the tactical situation dictates.

To date, seven medium mortar battalions have been identified in the Japanese Army, all of them apparently having been activated in JAPAN either late in 1943 or in 1944.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(1st)	Absorbed by 24th Ind Mixed Brig in BURMA in January 1944.
(2nd)	Rendered ineffective on IWO JIMA.
(3rd)	Rendered ineffective on IWO JIMA.
4th	LUZON
5th	LUZON
6th	LUZON
7th	LUZON

Since the four battalions still carried are on LUZON, they will be of no value to the Japanese in operations elsewhere. However, mortars are easier to manufacture than other artillery weapons and the Japanese have always favored their use. It therefore seems likely that other medium mortar battalions may be organized for infantry support in future operations.

2. Organization. A medium mortar battalion is commanded by a major and, according to the Mobilization Plan of 1941, has the following T/O:

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Hq	130
Three Cos (140 ea)	420
Amm Tn	<u>40</u>
Total Bn	590

The identified battalions seem to have maintained an operational strength closely approximating T/O strength. The 4th, 5th and 6th Medium Mortar Bns embarked for LUZON with strengths of 558, 507 and 579, respectively, while the 7th Medium Mortar Bn had a strength of 592 while stationed on KYUSHU, before leaving for LUZON.

3. Equipment. The T/E of the medium mortar battalion, as derived from the Mobilization Plan of 1941, is as follows:

<u>Item of Equipment</u>	<u>Number</u>
Rifles	183
150 mm mortars	12
Motor vehicles	16
Carts	192
Draft horses	198

The Japanese seem to have adhered closely to the provisions of the T/E. The 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Medium Mortar Bns have all been reported to have 12 medium (150 mm) mortars. The 3rd Medium Mortar Bn was once referred to as having only ten mortars, but the Battalion moved to IWO JIMA in two ships and it is believed that this report concerned only the main force and did not include all the personnel and equipment of the Battalion.

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The following is the weekly list of minor units identified, located or dropped on the basis of information classified CONFIDENTIAL (all dates are 1944 unless otherwise specified).

MINOR UNITS

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
18th Medium Arty Regt	Dropped		Converted into 9th Medium Arty Bn Formerly carried: BURMA (10/43).
1st and 2nd Balloon Cos	JAPAN	April 1943	
48th Fld AAA Bn	SINGAPORE	December	
78th, 79th Fld Machine Cn Cos	Seventh Area Army Area	November	
80th Fld Machine Cn Co	BURMA	November	
30th Sp Machine Cn Unit	MINDANAO	November	
1st Fld SL Bn	ANSHAN ✓	November	
5th Engr Unit	BANGKOK	February 1945	
18th Ind Engr Regt	CHIAMUSSU (MANCHURIA) ✓	1944?	
59th Ind Engr Bn	S CHINA ✓	October	
1st Ind Engr Co	Dropped		Unit redesignated South Sumatra Fuel Storage Depot Electrical Co.
2nd Ind Engr Co	Dropped		Unit redesignated Burma Fuel Storage Depot Electrical Co.
5th Ind Engr Co	BURMA	May 1945	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Southern Army Survey Unit	SAIGON	December	
1st Survey Unit	SINGAPORE	September	
2nd Survey Unit	LUZON	July	
4th Survey Unit	SINGAPORE	December	
13th Fld Survey Unit	SAIGON	March 1945	
	Elms LUZON	August	
7th Sig Regt	TUNGAN ✓	November	
12th Sig Regt	SHANGHAI ✓	December	
72nd Ind Wire Co	TUNGAN ✓	September 1942	
95th Ind Wire Co	CENTRAL CHINA ✓	October	
97th Ind Wire Co	THAILAND	November	
122nd Ind Radio Plat	LUZON	November	
4th Fixed Sig Unit	Dropped	August	Unit absorbed by Southern Army No. 3 Sig Unit.
38th Fixed Radio Unit	BURMA?	January 1945	
16th Fld Trans- port Comd	MALAYAN PENINSULA	November	
55th Ind Trans- port Bn	S CHINA ✓	August	
62nd Ind Motor Transport Bn	LUZON	October	
22nd Ind Motor Transport Co	Dropped		Formerly carried: NW NEW GUINEA (12/43).
226th Ind Motor Transport Co	BURMA	February 1945	
259th Ind Motor Transport Co	HYUKYUS	August	Reconstituted.
300th Ind Motor Transport Co	BORNEO	November	
332nd Ind Motor Transport Co	LUZON	December	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
9th Sp Motor Transport Co	BURMA	December	
22nd Sp Motor Transport Co	LUZON	February 1945	
29th Fld Water Supply and Purif Dept	BURMA	January 1945	
17th Fld Ord Depot	TUNGAI ✓	June	
17th Fld Freight Depot	HULIN ✓ (TUNGAI PROV)	June	
North China Sp Gar Unit			
3rd Bn	KALGAN ✓ (CHAHAR PROV)	September	
4th Bn	SHIECHIA- CHUAH ✓ (HOPEH PROV)	September	
5th Bn	TUNGHSIEN ✓ (HOPEH PROV)	September	
54th Sp Gar Bn	E JAPAN	November 1943	
156th Sp Gar Bn	CENTRAL JAPAN?	June	
49th L/C Sector Unit	RYUKYUS	October	
81st L/C Gar Unit	CENTRAL CHINA ✓	October	
5th Debarkation Unit	Hg MANOKHARI	March 1945	

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